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GERMAN INVASION OF BULGARIA REPORTED ALREADY BEGUN: AXIS PROPAGANDA HINTS AT TERRIFIC ASSAULT ON BRITAIN SOON

Nazi Staff Officers Register In Main Bucharest Hotel

According to an American report, quoted in a message from Sydney yesterday, THE NAZI INVASION OF BULGARIA HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

In Bulgaria itself although there is an appearance of calm there is underneath it a feeling of fear among the people.—(Special).

A message from London said that the entry of German troops into Bulgaria was imminent.

Axis propaganda is preparing the people for tremendous moves in the West as well as in the Balkans. The propaganda consists of:—

1. INCREASED U-BOAT WARFARE.
2. VERY VIOLENT AIR WAR ON BRITAIN.
3. RADICAL SOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION.
4. TERRIFIC ASSAULT ON ENGLAND TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE SAME TIME.

IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF R.A.F. SQUADRON

LONDON, FEB. 23 (REUTER).—ONE OF THE R.A.F. SQUADRONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE WESTERN DESERT for the last seven and eight months, has already established for itself a most impressive record.

Total victories in the comparatively quiet period between the middle of June and Dec. 8, states the Air Ministry news service, totalled 22 confirmed and nine unconfirmed.

Juba River Crossing Exploited

Making the first landing on the Red Sea coast in Eritrea since the British advance began, Free French forces arrived from Lake Chad region, a distance of about 2,000 miles. They brought their own equipment and not a lorry was lost, states a London message.

The keenest activity in the African campaign is in Italian Somaliland where it is reported that the crossing of the Juba River by British forces has been successfully exploited.

The Abyssinian patriot army has begun its first serious push against the Italians on Lake Tana.

The first success of a battalion of the Sudanese Frontier forces near the Blue Nile is also reported. There was hand-to-hand fighting which ended in the complete rout of the Italians.—(Special).

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Hitler Regards Japan's Entry Into War As A Last Resort

"When the Australian War Council spoke of the gravity of the situation, they did not mean that an attack was imminent. They meant that Japan was moving along a line which might bring her into conflict with other powers in the Far East," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., former Political Adviser to the National Government of China, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

Sir Frederick reiterated that under the pact between Japan, Germany, and Italy, Japan was not under any obligation to make an attack unless another power declared war against Germany or Italy.

A LAST RESORT

"We can assume, therefore, that Herr Hitler regards the entry of Japan as the last resort, and that, in the meantime, Japan can play a useful part in keeping the balance of power in favour of Germany," said Sir Frederick.

The speaker went on to say that there was a three-fold reason why Germany thought she should assume this—the attitude of the Soviet, the diversion of American

The main object of the propaganda is to create the greatest uneasiness in the Balkans.

Meanwhile there is no excitement in Berlin and no sign of what is pending can be noticed. Much of this is described as word warfare.

German Staff officers, in mufti, have registered at the main hotel in Bucharest and signs in German are to be seen along the roads leading from the Rumanian frontier into the interior of Bulgaria.

Turkey and Bulgaria are undertaking to build barriers against aggression. One comment was: "Until order is restored in the world the Turkish soldier will remain on duty."

It is believed in Sofia that the Germans will justify their action in Bulgaria with the excuse that the British have landed or are going to land in Salonika.

SOVIET DENIAL

The Tass Agency has been authorised to deny that Russia had anything to do with the Bulgarian-Turco Pact.

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ALBANIAN WAR FRONT REVIEWED

LONDON, Feb. 23 (REUTER).—A general review of the position on the Albanian war front was given by the Athens Radio last night.

On Friday, said the speaker, visibility was bad and, though operations were restricted, some slight attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

It revealed that in Thursday's operations, a fortified mountain ridge 5,500 feet high was captured and the enemy put to flight. The Italians' confusion was increased by Greek artillery fire which wrought havoc among retreating columns during the night.

Greek aircraft took a successful part along the R. A. F. in Thursday night's operations and the speaker concluded, "we have every reason to be proud of our small air force which is building up a fine tradition."

German Bombers Chased

Strong formations of German bombers appeared over the Straits of Dover yesterday but were chased by British fighters before they reached the English Channel, states a London message.—(Special)

LITTLE ACTIVITY

LONDON, Feb. 23 (REUTER).—There was very little German activity the air over Britain during the night.

An enemy naval base at Brest in occupied France was attacked last night by a small force of R.A.F. bombers.

No British aircraft were lost during this operation, announces an Air Ministry communique, but one Coastal Command plane is missing from daylight patrol yesterday.

GREATEST MIRACLE

Preaching in the City Temple Church, London, yesterday, the Rev. E. S. H. Chandler, said that there was increasing realisation in America of our common aims and common ideals.

He had seen while in London what he was convinced was one of the greatest miracles in modern times—a nation united without coercion and compulsion, and without losing its democracy.—(Special)

Today's News Summary

ALTHOUGH A LONDON report states that the move is imminent, German troops have already begun the invasion of Bulgaria. There are no signs of excitement in Berlin. Axis propaganda consists of four points one of which hints at violent air war on Britain. Turkey and Bulgaria are building barriers against aggression.

NOTABLE SUCCESSES against Italian supply ships have been scored by British submarines in the Mediterranean. Two of the submarines, Rover and Regent, were in the China Station before the outbreak of war. Outstanding exploits of the Truant are also reported.

TWO SUCCESSESFUL attacks have been launched by the Greeks in Albania, one north of Pogradetz and the other in the Central sector.

THERE WAS LITTLE enemy activity over Britain on Saturday night. Yesterday German bombers over the Straits of Dover were chased before they could reach the English Channel.

THE CROSSING OF the Juba River by British Imperial forces is being successfully exploited.

NOTABLE SUCCESSES SCORED BY BRITISH SUBMARINES AGAINST ITALIAN SUPPLY SHIPS

British submarines, INCLUDING TWO FORMERLY STATIONED AT HONGKONG, operating in the Mediterranean against Italy's communications with her overseas armies, have scored a notable number of successes against enemy supply ships and transports, states a London message.

An Admiralty communique, announcing this, states the submarine UPHOLDER has sunk two enemy supply ships, one of about 8,000 and the other of about 5,000 tons.

The submarine ROVER has sunk an Italian oil tanker and the submarine REGENT sank an Italian supply ship which was almost certainly the Clitta di Messina of 2,472 tons.

The submarine UTMOST attacked an escorted convoy and hit a supply ship of about 3,000 tons with a torpedo. This ship was later seen to be in a sinking condition with her stern awash and she had been deserted by the convoy escort.

The submarine TRUANT attacked an enemy convoy by gunfire and obtained shell hits on one of the enemy supply ships. In another attack, the submarine Truant sank, by torpedo, the largest ship of the convoy of about 3,500 tons.

WHAT TRITAN DID

It is now known that the submarine TRITAN, which was announced lost on Jan. 8, sank two Italian supply ships one of 8,000 tons.

The Truant is credited with having carried out a number of impressive feats.

One of these was when she nosed her way through a minefield in the Skagerrak and sank the Karlsruhe for which operation Lt.-Cdr. Hutchinson was awarded the D.S.O. Another exploit was when she rescued 54 British seamen who were being taken to Germany on board a Norwegian ship. She was then commanded by Lt.-Cdr. Haggard.—(Special)

[The Rover and Regent were in Hongkong before the outbreak of war.]

HOSPITAL SHIP ATTACKED

The hospital ship Dorsetshire has twice been attacked in the Mediterranean by German planes but on both occasions she was not hit, states a London message.

This shows a lowering of the standard of warfare in this area since Germany sent planes to assist Italy.

German planes are also reported to have deliberately attacked a hospital at Malta on Jan. 21.

When the Italians surrendered Benghazi they stated that it was done to prevent the civil population being killed and wounded during raids.

Since then German planes have attacked Benghazi indiscriminately and sank a ship which was evacuating Italian prisoners.—(Special).

CITRINE BACK IN LONDON

Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, has returned to London after a tour of the United States and Canada, states a London message.

Sir Walter went to America at the invitation of the American Federation of Labour and afterwards toured factories which were producing guns and planes for Britain.—(Special)

AIR FORCE ACTIVITY IN ABYSSINIA UNABATED

CAIRO, FEB. 23 (REUTER).—AIR ACTIVITY IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND ABYSSINIA CONTINUED UNABATED on Friday.

South African bombers attacked troop concentrations on the bank of the Juba River and a motor transport in the Jelib area and west of Magadiscio.

Aerodromes at Chinele and Diredawa were also raided by R. A. F. bombers.

At Chinele, Italian aircraft and stores concealed in the scrub along the landing ground were heavily attacked. Direct hits were obtained on railway stations and military barracks at Diredawa.

LOW ATTACK

South African fighters made a low flying attack on aircraft on the ground at Massawa and also set fire to a petrol dump at Adigudi.

Enemy fighters, concluded the communique, approached Malta on Friday but withdrew when British fighter planes went up to intercept.

From all the operations, the British aircraft returned safely.

MEDITERRANEAN AREA DANGEROUS TO SHIPPING

LONDON, Feb. 23 (REUTER).—Malta is the hub of the Central Mediterranean area described as dangerous to shipping in today's Admiralty communique.

Lines enclosing the waters now perilous to shipping extend south from the heel of Italy to the point of Gremelca, then eastwards to French territorial waters off the Tunisian coast.

North-eastern points in the "danger square" include the Sicilian Channel and the Bonifacio Straits west of Sardinia.

SERIOUSLY ILL

The fact that he was lying seriously ill in a Rome hotel with angina pectoris was first revealed eight days ago.

He was ordered to remain in bed but the doctors stated that "all dangers have been removed." His condition continued to show improvement for some days, but he had a relapse.

All members of the Spanish Royal family who could reach his bedside did so, including Queen Victoria Eugenia from whom he had been estranged since 1935.

A lunatic fired at ex-king Alfonso on June 18, 1903, but he escaped unhurt.

Another bomb was thrown at the King in Barcelona on July 9, 1909, and another in Malaga on Jan. 5, 1911. An anarchist fired a revolver at him on April 30, 1913.

Final Selections For Third Day Of Annual Valley Race Meeting

BY "LAST QUARTER"

RACE 1 (11.30 A.M.)	RACE 7 (3.30 P.M.)
Bugle	Eve of Peace
Never-Never	Royal Wedding Eve
Royal Sovereign	Eve of Hunting
RACE 2 (NOON)	RACE 8 (4 P.M.)
Palber	United Express
Eve of Grandeur	Manhattan
Iron Beauty	Endeavour
RACE 3 (12.30 P.M.)	RACE 9 (4.30 P.M.)
Distant View	Far View
First Love	Viceroy
Vis Major	Lancashire Chips
RACE 4 (1 P.M.)	RACE 10 (5 P.M.)
Burford	Oracle
Eve of Harvest	Nomine Poenae
Confusion Bay	Gay Fox
RACE 5 (1.30 P.M.)	RACE 11 (5.30 P.M.)
Venus Bay	Oolong
Warrego River	Velvetlight
Australian Prince	Charlesher
RACE 6 (3 P.M.)	RACE 12 (6 P.M.)
Moonlight	Fresh Air
Happy Returns	A Surprising Time
Corsair	Optima Fide

DAILY DOUBLE
EVE OF PEACE AND FAR VIEW

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB.ANNUAL RACE MEETING,
1941.

Postponed to:—
Third Day—Saturday,
22nd February
Fourth Day—Monday,
24th February
Fifth Day—Saturday,
1st March

On Saturday, 22nd, and Monday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE
WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS'
ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will **NOT** be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders **ONLY** on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.



In the World of Sports

Major Sensation Caused
In Senior Shield SoccerST. JOSEPH'S DEFEAT SING TAO
BY TWO CLEAR GOALS: GUY'S
GREAT GAME IN PIVOTAL BERTH

A major sensation was caused in the SENIOR SHIELD COMPETITION at Causeway Bay yesterday when ST. JOSEPH'S defeated the strong SING TAO eleven by two clear goals, after a goalless first half.

Their victory was the more meritorious as they had to face a strong wind in the first half but yet managed to keep the Chinese at bay. Against an alert and robust defence the Chinese were never able to settle down to their usual game while the Saints' energetic attack was always a source of danger when on the move.

The Saints were greatly strengthened by the transfers of GUY and FLANDERS from 30th R.A. The former, at the pivotal berth, was a stumbling block to the losers and played a prominent part in the Chinese defeat. Flanders showed that he was more than a useful winger but lacked support as Gomes was prone to lie too far back.

Sammy Tsang was in brilliant form in between the sticks for the Saints and was well covered by two stolid backs in Hussain and Bowen. The forwards showed good combination and were ably led by the dashy MacDonald, the main source of danger coming from the right flank of Santos and Cruz.

LACKED SPARKLE

Sing Tao's attack, though they showed flashes of good combination, lacked their usual sparkle and were apparently still smarting from their last two reverses.

The Fung King-cheong-Yeung Shiu-yick combination was in a subdued mood, being well checked by Leonard while on the other wing Ip Pak-wah was also well held by Hussain. With the two schemers, Lai Shiu-wing and Fung King-cheong out of the picture, Kwok-Ying-ki tried very hard to get the line moving but he, too, found his match in Guy.

The halves were in bad form, Leung Wing-chiu failing to keep a good watch on MacDonald while Soong Ling-sing wandered away upfield, giving Flanders plenty of rope. The backs, Hau Yung-sang and Mak Shui-hon, however, were in good form and together with Cheung Wing-choi did a fine job of checking a keen set of forwards.

Set to face a strong wind the Saints were mostly on the defensive and during practically the whole of this half were confined to their own half of the field. Sing Tao at this stage were playing quite a good game but all their scoring attempts were frustrated by the first-time tackling and robust methods of the Saints' defenders. Both Tsang and Guy were very conspicuous, the former particularly with a well-timed save from Ip Pak-wah.

ROBBED AT GOALMOUTH

Saints in this half broke away on only three occasions once Gomes going near to scoring but was robbed by Cheung Wing-choi just at the goalmouth. Sing Tao had hard luck in not scoring when Kwong Ying-ki's beautiful header struck the cross-bar with Tsang well beaten.

On resumption the game took a different complexion with the Saints moving to the attack and were the more aggressive side. After five minutes Saints delighted their supporters by taking the lead. Obtaining possession about 35 yards out Leonard sent in a high shot but Cheung Wing-choi worried by MACDONALD dropped the ball, allowing the latter to net.

Undaunted Sing Tao moved to the attack and had bad luck when Yeung Shui-yick struck the cross-bar with a hard drive. Saints broke away on the left and Flanders after racing down the line, centred for MACDONALD to shoot past the advancing Cheung. From then onwards Saints played grand soccer with the Chinese forwards making several half-hearted attempts at catching up.

THE TEAMS
ST. JOSEPH'S: Tsang; Hussain, Bowen; Castilho, Guy, D. Leonard; Cruz, Santos, MacDonald, Gomes and Flanders.

SING TAO: Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang; Mak Shui-hon; Tsui Ah-fai; Leung Wing-chiu; Soong Ling-sing; Yeung Shui-yick; Fung King-cheong; Kwok Ying-ki; Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

HARD STRUGGLE

On the Causeway Bay ground

WAR CUP
FOOTBALL
LEAGUESIX GOALS FOR
TOTTENHAM

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The following are the results of matches played in the Football League War Cup Competition:—

SOUTH

Arsenal 3, Brighton 1; Swansea 1, Cardiff 4; Portsmouth 4, Chelsea 0; Aldershot 3, Clapton Orient 2; Leicester 3, Birmingham 2; Northampton 5, Luton 0; Stoke City 2, Mansfield 0; West Ham 4, Norwich 2; West Bromwich Albion 5, Notts County 0; Bristol 4, Reading 2; Brentford 5, Southampton 2; Millwall 2, Southend 1; Bournemouth 1, Tottenham Hotspur 6; Notts Forest 8, Walsall 1; Fulham 2, Watford 1.

NORTH

Manchester City 0, Blackpool 1; Oldham 1, Blackburn 5; Burnley 2, Bolton Wanderers 2; Bradford 3, York 4; Preston 2, Bury 1; Tranmere 9, Chester 2; Chesterfield 2, Barnsley 5; Lincoln 3, Hull 2; Southport 2, Liverpool 2; Everton 2, Manchester United 1; Wrexham 5, New Brighton 8; Rochdale 1, Newcastle 3; Rotherham 0, Sheffield United 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Rangers 4, Clyde 3; Hibernian 5, Falkirk 1; Third Lanark 2, Partick Thistle 4; Morton 3, Queen's Park 2; Celtic 3, St. Mirren 4.

goals to one on the railway ground.

Kowloon were the first to score through Truscott but 20 minutes later Fowler equalised and the same player put his side in the lead before the interval. In the second half Club had the upper hand, Bond scoring the third goal.

KOWLOON—Lapsley; Lamb, Ulrich; Remedios, Gosano, Pereira; Truscott, Jackson, White, Hutchinson and Matthews.

NAVY—Odel; Eardley, Millington; Skinner, Upton, Davis; Fowler, Forrow, Fowler, Scott and Bond.

OTHER RESULTS

Results of Junior, Shield and League matches were as follows:—

JUNIOR SHIELD

R.A.S.C. 4, Signals 0
Police 1, S. China 3

SECOND DIVISION

Club 2, Kowloon 2
R. Scots 2, Middlesex 3

THIRD DIVISION

35th R.A. 3, R.A.F. 2

LEAGUE TABLES
TO DATE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Goals
Eastern	18	13	3	2	29	29
Sing Tao	19	13	3	3	28	22
S. China	17	13	2	2	20	20
Middlesex	17	9	2	6	25	28
Kowloon	16	5	4	7	29	24
Police	16	6	1	9	27	38
K. Wah	17	4	4	9	25	12
R. Navy	16	3	5	8	23	41
R. Scots	15	4	2	9	21	10
Club	14	4	1	9	29	7
St. Joseph's	17	2	3	12	18	5

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	Goals
R.A.F.	18	12	4	2	20	23
Signals	17	11	4	2	24	19
12th R.A.	17	8	4	4	21	25
30th R.A.	16	9	2	5	20	20
25th R.A.	16	8	4	4	20	20
R.E.	16	8	1	7	21	32
B.A.M.C.	17	8	2	7	24	17
24th R.A.	16	8	4	4	24	20
7th R.A.	17	7	3	7	23	17
Internat.	17	6	3	8	21	15
20th R.A.	16	5	2	9	17	12
Shen	16	1	2	13	5	5
A.S.A.	17	0	1	16	5	7

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Shen	16	1	2	13	5	5
A.S.A.	17	0	1	16	5	7

DERBY SWEEP
FIRST PRIZE
MOUNTING

The latest figures on the ROOBY-HILL DERBY special Dollar Sweep are:—
Tickets sold \$92,608
First prize \$394,420
Second prize 112,690
Third prize 56,346
Unplaced ponies, whether starters or not, \$2,235 each.

FOUR INJURED
JOCKEYSMr. Holden Unable
To Ride

His many friends will be glad to learn that MR. H. J. HOLDEN who, on the advice of his doctor, entered the War Memorial Nursing Home on Tuesday, had improved sufficiently to leave the Hospital yesterday.

It is, however, a matter for regret that the injuries sustained by Mr. Holden, as the result of being thrown by A. Surprising Time at the Starting Post in the second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes on Monday, were such as to rule out the possibility of his taking any further active part for the rest of the Annual Meeting.

Inquiries at the Royal Naval Hospital yesterday day afternoon elicited the information that COMDR. D. H. S. CRAVEN, whose right arm was fractured as the result of being thrown by Melody Star (which pony was shot) in the Wakool Handicap on Tuesday, was much better though there was no possibility of his leaving the Hospital in the immediate future.

WOO RIDING AGAIN
MR. D. G. WOO, the first jockey to meet with misfortune in this Annual Meeting when he was heavily thrown by Jungle Princess (which was also shot) in the Coral Handicap on Monday, left the French Hospital some days ago and might be riding again today.

It was learned from the Hongkong Sanatorium that MR. PETER Y. T. WEE had an X-ray examination on Saturday but did not "enter" the Hospital. Mr. Wei, it will be recalled, was thrown by Fair Chance in the last race of the Second Day.

Softball
ResultsDR. E. L. GOSANO
INJURED

Dr. E. L. Gosano had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder when playing in the Men's Softball League "A" forfeited points to Cyclones who were then leading 6-4.

LADIES LEAGUE

	A.	H.	E.
Cardinals	19	15	4
Recreio girls	5	7	8
Wildcats	1	6	5
Wahoos	3	6	4

Chung Hwa 24 13 15
L.F.C. 13 7 17

MEN'S "A" DIV.

	A.	H.	E.
Indians	8	8	—
Canadian C.	1	4	4
H.K.B.C.	8	7	10
Chinese B.C.	7	3	8

HONG LEAGUE

H.K. Bank 10, Texaco 7.

SPORTING
FIXTURES

TODAY
BADMINTON—"A" Division: University "B" v. University "A"
Recreio v. Chinese Y.
RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m. (Third Day).

SNOOKER—Garrison League, R.A. Station Mess v. Police, Engineers "A" v. R.A.P.C. Eng. Sgts. Mess v. R.A.M.C. Signals "A" v. Signals Mess.
TOMORROW
CHESS.—Colony Open Chess

American Cage Players
Trounce H.K. Chinese

Playing smooth basketball, the visiting 20TH CENTURY FOX quintette easily trounced the all-star HONGKONG CHINESE team by a wide margin, 72-30, in the curtain closer of a twin-bill at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night.

Arriving in the Colony for a day's visit in the morning, the film people were unaccustomed to the court, but they made up easily with their height, the smallest being six feet. They were without the services of Skipper Carl Knowles, a member of the 1936 champion American Olympic team, who was on the injured list.

GATE PROCEEDS

The proceeds of the gate, which were estimated at about \$3,000, are to be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and the British Bomber Fund.

After the toss-up, the ball went to the visitors, but the home team had the honour of first drawing blood, after the Yanks had missed several tries under the basket. Retaliation came fast and furious, and the issue was never in doubt from the first few minutes of play. At half-time, the score stood at 34-18.

Continuing in their stride, the visitors went into a shooting spree in the second canto. The local boys only occasionally came into the picture, while most part of the game was played in the opponents' goal area.

Heavy scores of the evening were "Scarlett" O'Gara at centre

ZONE SYSTEM

The home boys employed the man-to-man system in their defence, while the visitors used the zone system in the defence and the blocking and screening tactics in their attacks.

In an earlier game, Kowloon girls defeated Hongkong girls by 31-14, after a hotly-contested first half.

20TH CENTURY FOX: Johnson, C. Lloyd, 6. Ball, 2. Perrin, 6. Woodward, 8. O'Gara, 28. and Weldie, 14.

CHINESE: C. H. Lo, 6. C. C. Sak, 6. S. L. Chan, 2. P. C. Lee, 2. S. K. Chan, 6. F. S. Tai, 2. C. S. Cheng, 4. and S. P. Chan, 2.

KOWLOON GIRLS: Wong Kan-fong, Chan Chai-chen, 1. Ho Tak-fong, 14. Mak Kwai-hip, 6. Ng Woon-ying, Sum Put, and Liu Tak-wah, 10.

HONGKONG GIRLS: Fong Siu-yun, 2. Yip Mo-ching, 2. Lee Shun-yu, 4. Lo Wai-han, Ng Siu-sam, 6. Ngan Sau-yung, Suen Yuk-ming and Chan Wai-hang.

SATURDAY'S
CRICKETRECREIO BEATEN
BY 5 WICKETS

Kowloon Cricket Club holders of the Senior Cricket League Championship, are almost certain of retaining their title as a result of their easy win on Saturday over Club de Recreio at Cox's Path.

Two second division and two friendly matches were also played on Saturday.

THE SCORES

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Club de Recreio by five wickets. Club de Recreio 128 for 9 wickets, dec. (J. M. Gosano 75 not out, N. D. Lloyd 5 for 54, F. E. Zimmerman 4 for 50). Kowloon Cricket Club 129 for 5 wickets. (D. Hung 34, J. N. Anderson 46 not out, P. J. Lay 30).

SECOND DIVISION

At Pokfulam, Craigengower Cricket Club 2nd XI were held to a draw by University 2nd XI. University 167 for 9 wickets, dec. (T. C. 47, D. Chelliah 40, R. S. Gill 36, U. H. Esmail 3 for 27). Craigengower 92 for 6 wickets. (A. B. Hamson not out, S. Amplanavar 3 for 43).

FRIENDLIES

At Chater Road, Recreio 2nd XI drew with a Hongkong Cricket Club "A" Team. H.K.C.C. "A" 127 for 8 wickets, dec. (G. J. F. Carey 29, R. S. W. Paterson 37). Recreio 2nd XI 118 for 6 wickets. (A. E. Noronha 82).

At Homantin, Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI drew with Diocesan Boys' School. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI 151 for 8 wickets, dec. (W. Colledge 31, G. Almslie 31, J. F. MacGowan 46 not out, A. J. Hulce 3 for 45, C. Whitfield 4 for 48). Diocesan Boys' School 147 for 7 wickets. (J. MacGowan 81 not out, J. F. MacGowan 4 for 81).

Macao And
Recreio Draw
At HockeySEVERAL CHANGES
AT INTERVAL

After being led 1-0 at half-time, the MACAO HOCKEY CLUB managed to hold CLUB DE RECREIO to a 2-all draw at King's Park yesterday. The game was on the fast side, Recreio having as much of the play as the visitors.

With a good defence, Macao were very strong in the half-back line, but their attack lacked finish. Outstanding were J. Nolasco, at right-half Alex Alosa and Trigo Silva doing good work in the other intermediate berths.

Several changes were made at half-time, Rig' Rosari coming in place of Ferreira at left-back, the latter player being moved to left-half in place of Trigo Silva, where he also did well by himself. G. Silva was also played in the second half in Ramalho's place.

Recreio played well together as a team, being reasonably strong in every department. The first goal came from J. Fonseca, P. Angelo equalised for Macao after the interval, Albert Alosa putting Macao ahead and Bertie Gosano scoring the equalising goal of the match.

MACAO HOCKEY CLUB: Almada; Basto, Ferreira; J. Nolasco, Alex Alosa and Trigo Silva; F. Nolasco, Albert Alosa, P. Angelo, F. Ramalho and R. Agnelo.

CLUB DE RECREIO: H. Goncalves; R. A. Marques, J. Goncalves; P. A. Yvanovich, W. A. Reed, and A. M. Alves; J. Soares, G. Gosano, B. T. Gosano, F. X. Sequeira and J. Soares, G. Gosano, B. T. Gosano, F. X. Sequeira and J. Fonseca.

SATURDAY'S
HOCKEY GAMES

Saturday's Hockey saw a 5-all draw between Hongkong Ladies and the Royal Engineers at Soopoo.

Miss M. Booker (2) and Miss B. Longbottom scored for H.K. Ladies, the other two goals being contributed by Homburg of R.E., who "dred" for the Ladies. Denyer (3) and Bowling (2) scored for the Eappers.

At King's Park, Y.M.C.A. Seniors were beaten 3-1 by the Nomads. Y.M.C.A. Juniors were beaten 4-2 by the Khalsa Hockey Club.

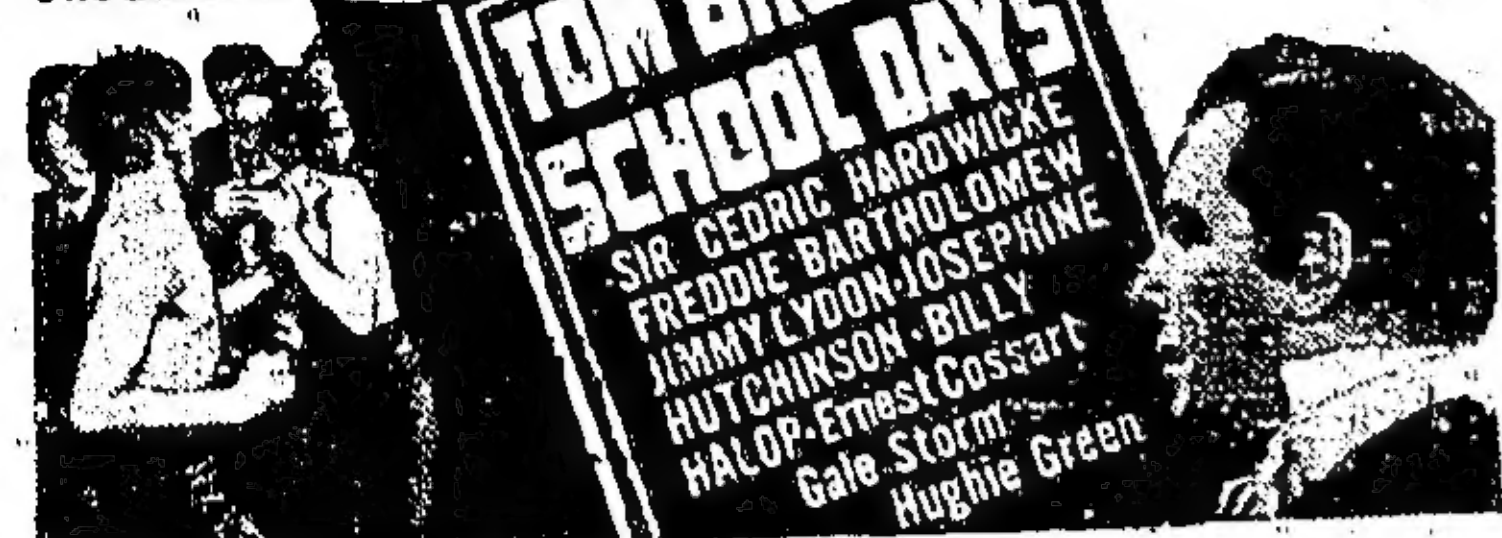
plonship Tournament, Wells v. Carvalho, Zimmerman v. Sequeira, Karpovich v. Coxhead.
SNOOKER—Garrison League, Engineers "A" v. R.A. Station Mess, R.A.P.C. v. Eng. Sgts. Mess, R.A.M.C. v. Signals "A". Military Police v. Signals Mess.

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CHINESE BRAINS NOT INFERIOR

"Quite the contrary," said Mr. Ouyang Chu, professor of National Central University, in reference to the belief in certain quarters that the Chinese are an inferior race because their brains are poorly developed. The speech on "Chinese Brains" was given by the noted anthropologist at the clubhouse of the Sino-French-Belgian-Swiss Cultural Association in Chungking.

The skull of the "Peking Man" discovered at Chowkoutien, Mr. Ouyang said, is 30 c.c. bigger than the "Java Man". He further pointed out that the "Peking Man", 450,000 years old, was better-cultured being already able to make use of fire.

When the brain of a 16-year-old Chinese lad (after death) was taken out and examined, it was found to be as fully-developed as that of any White adult.

SKULL ROUND

The skull of the Chinese, according to the anthropologist, is round while that of the White people is oval. The capacity of anything round, according to physics, is greater than that of anything oval. This Mr. Ouyang asserted, also shows that Chinese brains are superior.

Then, the average weight of the Chinese brain is 1,332 grams, while that of the White is 1,335 grams. The difference, however, is not in proportion to bodily weight. The average bodily weight of White people is 150 pounds while that of the Chinese is only around 130 pounds.

SULTAN BUYS A PALACE

The Astana, a hill, an imposing building with lawns covering about four acres of land, which was formerly owned and used by the late Sultan Idris as his private residence, has been bought over by His Highness the Sultan of Perak for \$15,000.

Ever since the death of its late Royal owner, the Astana had been maintained by the beneficiaries.

The stately Astana with its many bedrooms and magnificent halls surrounded by a concrete wall, is situated near the Sultan's office in Bukit Chandan.

Plans are being made to recondition the Astana. The cost of installation of electric lighting is estimated at about \$4,000, while the bedrooms are being fitted with modern sanitary installations.

In addition to this the spacious halls are being furnished with modern furniture.

It is understood that His Highness intends to use the Astana as his private residence when it is ready for occupation.

A certain anthropological research organization conducted an intelligence test between Oriental and European children. The result of the test showed the brains of the Chinese children were as well developed as those of the Europeans.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.

24—Tides: High 9:28 a.m. and 9:37 p.m. Low 2:42 a.m. and 1:47 p.m. Sunrise: 6:49 a.m.; Sunset: 6:24 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m. H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Third Day, 11:30 a.m. Talk: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach on "Life In A Refugee Camp," St. Andrew's Hall.

Cheero Club Dance, 3:30 p.m. St. Andrew's Fellowship, 6:15 p.m. H.K. Land Investment Co. Ltd. annual meeting (Jardine, Matheson & Co. Office) 12 noon. Exhibition of Chinese Paintings, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. European Y.M.C.A. Whist Drive, 8:30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9:57 a.m. and 9:20 p.m. Low 3:16 a.m. and 2:32 p.m. Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.; Sunset: 6:23 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club, 10th Anniversary Dinner, H.K. Hotel, 8:15 p.m. Colony Chess Championship, Peninsula Hotel.

H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Fourth Day, 11:30 a.m. H.K. Tramways annual meeting (Jardine, Matheson & Co. Office), 12 noon.

26—Tides: High 10:23 a.m. and 9:58 p.m. Low 3:43 a.m. and 2:14 p.m. Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.; Sunset: 6:26 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of H.K. and Shanghai Banking Corporation, noon. Colony Chess Championship, Peninsula Hotel.

27—Tides: High 10:53 a.m. and 10:35 p.m. Low 4:13 a.m. and 3:54 p.m. Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.; Sunset: 6:26 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

28—Tides: High 11:17 a.m. and 11:07 p.m. Low 4:42 a.m. and 4:35 p.m. Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.; Sunset: 6:27 p.m. Kowloon Residents' Assn. Annual Meeting, St. Andrew's Hall, 6 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Vocal Recital by Y. K. See, Peninsula Hotel, 9:15 p.m. Star Ferry Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting (Jardine, Matheson & Co. Office), 11 a.m.

Cochran 'Young Lady' Turns B.B.C. Producer

Sitting in a sumptuous B.B.C. office at Bristol, surrounded by three busy telephones, two discreet secretaries, an out-of-tune piano and a corps of composers, is twenty-year-old ex-Cochran "Young Lady," Miss Jenny Nicholson.

Occasionally she pinches herself—wondering if it's all true, because Miss Nicholson, who has platinum curls and a merry eye, is now a Person In Authority.

Until a few days ago, she was known chiefly because:

1. She is a lifelong buddy of Sarah Churchill; was responsible for introducing her to her husband, Vic Oliver;
2. She had danced in Dorchester shows and for Mr. Cochran;
3. She had written some sketches for "New Faces."

Now she's B.B.C. writer and producer in-chief of a new series, "Helter Skelter," which opened on Nov. 19, with friend Sarah Churchill in the lead. Also, she's authoress of "Young Lady At Large."

How do 23-year-olds with platinum curls and merry eyes get themselves "adopted" by the B.B.C.?

Miss Nicholson's story is that of a young person who means to get some place somehow.

First Cochran asked her to write a sketch for "Cock-a-doodle-oo." She talked it over with him in an air-raid shelter, and, in the dim, misunderstood him. Instead of writing one sketch she wrote a complete revue.

Naturally, Cochran couldn't use a whole revue—so this enterprising youngster waited off to Bristol to sell it to the B.B.C. Out came the script, on came the smile—now Miss Nicholson is On The Staff.

"Helter Skelter" is, as she puts it, "a sort of civilian Garrison Theatre glorifying the home front and what have you."

Brig. F. R. Phelan, Deputy Adjutant-General at National Defence headquarters in Ottawa, has been transferred to Canadian military headquarters in London as Adjutant-General, replacing Major-Gen. E. W. Sanson, who was recently appointed to the command of the Third Division in Canada.

Radio Programmes

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"HI, GANG!" AND OTHER LONDON RELAYS

12:15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12:30 Selections from Verdi's Operas. "Otello"—Ave Maria—Willow Song—Tina Lennita—Selection—Marek Orch. "Rigoletto"—Selection—Marek Orch. "Don Carlos"—Ella giunni al m'auto; Don Carlos sol bel manto m' regal—Tancredo Pasero (Bass) with Orchestra. "Ernani"—Ernani! Ernani! Involami—Rosa Ponselle (Soprano) with Orchestra.

1:00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1:03 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—You're the Top (from "Anything Goes"). All Through the Night (from "Anything Goes"). Quickstep—The Woodpecker Song. Waltz—If I Should Fall In Love Again. Fox-Trots—I Got A Kick Out Of You; Anything Goes (both from "Anything Goes"). Comedy Onstep—Eleven More Months and Ten More Days. Fox-Trot—Cuban Romeo.

1:30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1:45 Dale Da Costa at the Piano. "Words and Music"—Mealey (Noel Coward). Sweet and Lovely (Leinard and Others).

1:55 Hawaiian Vocal Selections. Beautiful Woman (Kahala)—William Ewalek with Royal Hawaiian Glee Club. Liliu (Kaula)—Liliu Alohika with Royal Hawaiian Glee Club. Hala (Wood); Papalina Lihilihi (Noble)—Ray Kinney with Dick McIntire's Harmony Hawaiians. South Sea Island Medley—The Twilight Serenaders w. Orch.
2:15 Close down.
2:45 Indian Programme.
3:00 Closing local Stock Quotations.

3:32 Musical Comedy Selections. Swing Along—Selection—Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus. Comedyland—Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Conversation Piece—Selection; My Weakness—Selection—Patricia Rossborough. "Piano". It's Love Again—Selection; Queen of Hearts—Selection—Sydney Kye and His Piccadilly Hotel Band with Vocal Chorus.
7:00 London Relay—The News.
7:15 London Relay—Talk.
7:30 Grieg—Peer Gnt Suite, No. 2, Op. 35.
Ingria's Lament—Ambian Dance—The Return of Peer Gnt—Solreig Song—New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
7:45 Studio—An appeal for Volunteers for the Police Reserve by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Ferdie, Acting Commissioner of Police.
7:50 Grieg—Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

conducted by Eugene Goossens
8:00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8:03 This week's programmes.
8:07 Tunes.

Do You Like Dancing? (Rosen). Night of Love Divine (Dostal)—Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.
8:15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"
9:00 London Relay—The News.
9:15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9:30 Variety.
Two Piano—Tin Pan Alley Medley Intro. And the angels sing: What goes up must come down; What shall I say; Don't worry about me; Our love; You grow sweeter as the years go by—Ivor Morteau and Dave Kaye with string bass and drums. Comedian—Julietta. The Love Bug Will Bite You—Max Miller with Orch. Ballroom Waltz Memories Part 1. Intro: Invitation to the Waltz; Destiny; Merry Widow; Three o'clock in the Morning—Debroy Somers Band. Comedians—Keeping Up the Old Tradition—The Western Brothers. Ballroom Waltz Memories Part 2. Intro: The Skaters; The Choristers; The Cuckoo; After the Ball—Debroy Somers Band. Vocal—Cryin' My Heart Out For You (Johnson and Hopkins)—Kitty Masters with Orchestra.

9:45 News in French (on 9.55 m.e.s. only).
10:00 London Relay—News from Home by Howard Marshall.
10:15 Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Thanks for the Memory; You Took The Words Right Out of My Heart—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Tango—Red Roses; Vision; Emil Roesz and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—There's A Gold Mine In The Sky; True Confession (from the film).—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Rumba—Moon of Monte Carlo Rumba—Lecuna Cuban Boys. Slow Fox-Trots—Two Shadows (from the film); I Won't Tell A Soul—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Tango—Crepuscule—Por Que?—Gerald and His Gaucho Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Souvenir of Love; Trusting My Luck (both from "Sailing Along").—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Waltz—Sympathy (film firefly)—Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
11:00 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 5:00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Summary 6:45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7:00 p.m.
do 9:00 p.m.
do 12:00 mid. night
Trans. II & III—News Summary 7:30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8:30 a.m.

CHINA NEEDS GREATER HELP FROM AMERICA

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's "Free China," now in its fourth year of resistance against Japanese domination and at present holding its own against the invader, will require much greater American aid than has been received so far in order to win decisively and recover her occupied territories, writes John R. Morris in the Manila Bulletin.

This observation was reached as a result of a three-month tour of China, Japan and other Far Eastern countries vitally affected by Japan's effort to establish the "New Order of East Asia."

Chungking, from which I flew to Hongkong yesterday, is a capital beset by tremendous trials and hardships which were recently complicated and intensified by international difficulties and serious economic problems.

When all factors are taken into consideration, however, it appears obvious that China's position and prospects are improving at present while Japan's problems, responsibilities, and her self-imposed task of reorganizing Asia under the Rising Sun banner are becoming daily more burdensome and dangerous.

ALL CLASSES ENCOURAGED
Chinese of all classes have been greatly encouraged by the recent American measures which directly or indirectly benefited the Chinese position. They feel that the United States holds the key to the Far Eastern situation and by cooperating with Britain can restore peace and an equitable, enduring new order of Asia in the course of the next year or two.

The Chinese have in no way been dismayed by their military reverses, nor their economic difficulties which have been causing much hardship among the people. But everywhere it is noticeable that the expectation of further and even more substantial American assistance is the principal ingredient of the confidence with which the Chinese face the future.

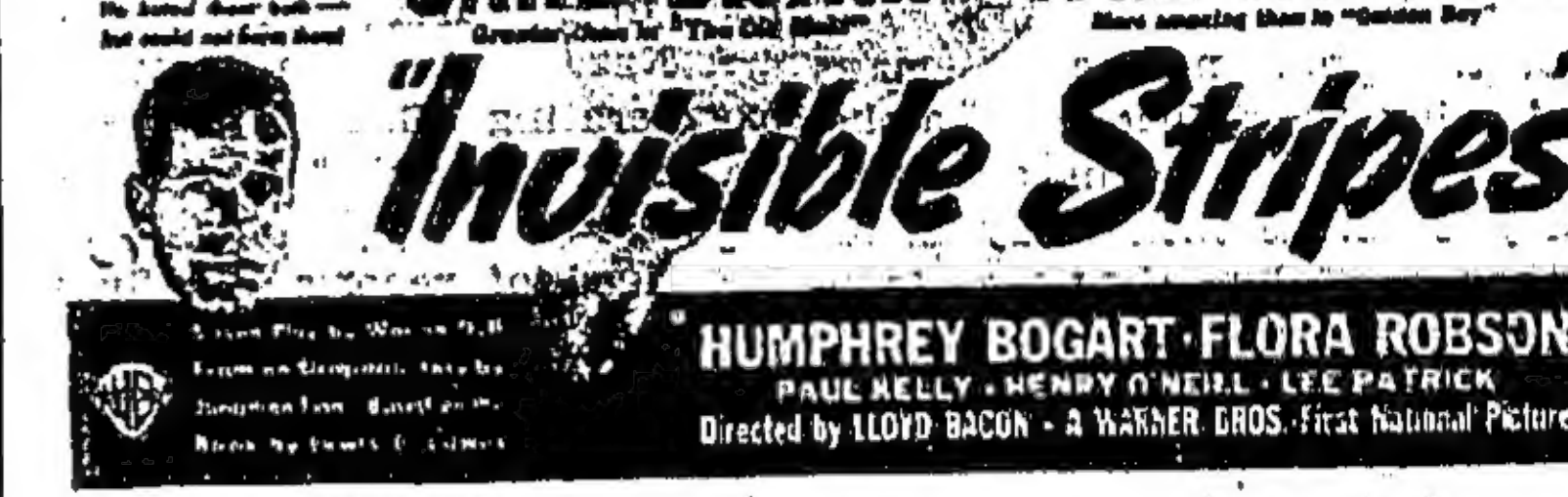
Chinese leaders do not fear a Russo-Japanese rapprochement which would interfere with this, and the latest remarks of the Soviet ambassador to China, whom I saw last week, tend to support this view.

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GERMAN WAR OF NERVES IN THE BALKANS

FRESH CROP OF RUMOURS SOWN IN YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The Germans are intensifying their war of nerves in the Balkans, and yesterday brought forth a fresh crop of rumours which they have sown in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece.

The Yugoslavs, says the diplomatic correspondent of The Times, are told of dark Communist plots in Bulgaria and an imminent German invasion to preserve order. The Bulgarians, long taught to expect occupation, hear that Yugoslavia may after all let German troops pass through to Greece.

The Greeks—and all the Balkan peoples—are told that Germany is about to sweep through Bulgaria into Greece.

Behind all this smoke screen, adds the correspondent, the German strategy is plain—to pass more and more troops and armaments into Bulgaria and from there to menace the Greeks, to try and make them come to terms with the Italians.

For the moment the Germans are leaving the Yugoslavs alone. Above all the Germans are now trying to make their way as far as they can by showing force rather than using it.

THREAT TO BRITAIN

The bulk of the German forces, continues the correspondent, particularly the air force, is in west Europe and they do not wish to lessen that threat to Britain.

Secondly, behind all the talk of "sweeping over the Bulgarian frontier into Greece" they know the great natural difficulties.

If threats failed the Germans would undoubtedly use force but amid all rumours and threats the Greeks remain unshaken.

They have proved their own mettle and behind them they have seen British arms going from strength to strength.

ADVANCED STAGE

There is no doubt that preparations are in an advanced stage and that, possibly as a military exercise, pontoon bridges have recently been thrown across the river and lifted again.

BERLIN'S BOMB CURFEW

I met a party of 200 Jews here today on their way from Berlin to a life of freedom in the New World. They are mostly old men, women and children from all parts of Germany and Austria, and they met in Berlin last week for common transportation, writes Sefton Delmer.

"You've no idea what it feels like to be out after the seven o'clock curfew hour for Jews," said a Vienna Jewess. Among all the party I found her the least cowed, the least impressed by war propaganda, and the most ready to talk.

The pension where she spent the night in Berlin was in a street in the Charlottenburg district, several houses of which have been bombed.

"If I hadn't been told it would never have occurred to me they had been bombed. They had boards and scaffolding all round them, and looked like buildings under construction."

A Berliner told me that this was the regular practice in Berlin. When a street is hit all traffic is closed, while at top speed special repair and salvage squads clear up debris and put up boarding to hide the damage. The Berlin girl also said they went to shelter whenever an alarm sounded.

MAIN TOPIC

Raids and bombs are the main conversation topic in Berlin, she said. "Will they be coming tonight?" is what the Hausfrau asks as she waits in a queue in the foodshops. But Berliners are convinced that the defences of the capital are excellent, that the raids are very costly to the British and that only a few planes get through.

There is the belief in Berlin that they have never been visited by more than twelve British planes at the same time. They know other towns like Essen and Hamburg have had a tougher time, but they have no idea of the extent of the damage.

"We've a woman from Hamburg and a man from Essen with us," said the Berliness. "I was amazed to hear what they had to say about the raids. The woman said that docks, petrol stores and refineries in Hamburg had been destroyed, and her own luggage which had been stored temporarily in a repository awaiting departure had been lost. The Essener declared that the Krupp works had a bad dusting."

The alarm is usually at nine o'clock, and then again at three o'clock. A conclave sounds a handbell to make sure no one misses the alarm, and going to shelters is virtually compulsory for all but war workers.

"We, like all Jews, are not allowed in the main shelter with

HIGHLIGHTS OF R.A.F. RAIDS

GELSENKIRCHEN OIL PLANTS BOMBED

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Nine explosions and a number of fires during raids on oil plants at Gelsenkirchen and 17 fires during raids on Duisburg-Ruhrort docks and industrial objectives, were features of R.A.F. activities during the week ending February 21, although these activities were restricted by bad weather.

In the Ruhr area oil installations, aerodromes and an inland port were also attacked, while docks at Calais were raided three times though these activities were restricted by bad weather.

At the latter port a supply ship received a direct hit.

A very heavy attack was made on Boulogne, starting many fires and causing explosions which could be heard from the British side of the Channel.

Locks at Brest, Ymuden, Ostend and Helvoetsluis were also attacked, a quay and a ship moored alongside being hit at the last named Dutch port.

TANKER ON FIRE

Off Bergen an enemy tanker of 1,500 tons was bombed and left on fire.

Finally there was the longest R.A.F. flight yet undertaken when leaflets were dropped on Katowice and Cracow, in Poland.

During these operations and many offensive patrols, nine British aircraft were lost.

AN APPEAL AND A WARNING

JAPAN'S PEACEFUL AIMS IN PACIFIC!

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Urgent consideration of Japan's southward expansion policy through a display of understanding of the Japanese position, the influential Nichi-Nichi yesterday warned Australia against becoming the "tool of America's anti-Japanese policy."

The paper added: "It is regrettable that Australian public opinion is displaying unwarranted excitement over Japan's southward policy, which seems to be regarded with unjustified suspicion."

The paper pointed out that a clash in the Pacific is possible only should Britain and the United States attempt to thwart Japan's peaceful southward move through force of arms or through "the imposition of cruel economic pressure."

GRAVE POSITION

The Asahi Shimbun says it should be realised there is a war on and that a grave position confronts Japan.

Meanwhile the German radio is issuing floods of reports describing the fortification of Guam and Samoa as a "challenge to Japan," and makes out that Britain and America are encircling Japan.

Axis propaganda also asserts that a Soviet-Japanese trade agreement has been signed but this is not confirmed from Moscow.

U.S. AUTHORESS PREDICTS RUSSIA WILL NOT SIGN PACT WITH JAPAN

SHANGHAI—Anna Louise Strong, the famous American communist writer, predicted that Soviet Russia would not sign any non-aggression treaty with Japan because of the effect such a pact would have on morale of the Chungking government.

Miss Strong said that even if three years' settlements had been reached finally.

URGENT PROBLEM

Miss Strong claimed the most urgent problem at present was the Chungking government's order transferring the New Fourth Route Army north of the Yellow River from bases to the south.

Miss Strong said Soviet Russia was anxious to improve relations with the United States and probably would be willing to collaborate with the United States in the Pacific against Japan.

Miss Strong said that Soviet Russia would never sign a treaty with Japan whereby she would agree to discontinue helping China in the present conflict. She claimed, however, that Russian aid to China probably was dependent on the degree of Chinese resistance against Japan and solidarity of the Chinese "united front."

THREE-PRONGED BRITISH OFFENSIVE AGAINST KEREN

CAIRO, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—British operations to reduce Keren, the main Italian stronghold in Eritrea, have now developed into a three-pronged offensive, two of which are threatening the rear of the Italian defence positions.

The most immediate menace comes from the British mechanised force which has been advancing swiftly down the coast from the north and is now driving inland to cut the railway between Keren and Asmara.

The Indian and Imperial forces which captured Barentu have now advanced 200 miles to the east and constitute a threat to Keren's defenders from the south.

NIBBLING TACTICS

The nibbling tactics of the Indian and Imperial troops attacking the heights of Keren along the railway from Agordat are proceeding satisfactorily and intensification of activity in the near future seems to be indicated.

Opinion in competent quarters is that should Keren fall, Italian resistance throughout Eritrea is likely to collapse.

King's African Rifles, in dhows (small Arab boats) have occupied two islands south of Kismayu, it was announced yesterday.

Operations continue to develop to the British advantage in Eritrea and Abyssinia, says a Cairo communique.

Operations east of the Juba River are progressing satisfactorily.

600 PRISONERS

With the capitulation of the Italian garrison at Mega, South African troops captured over 600 prisoners, mostly Europeans, with some guns and war material.

Regarding Libya the communique says there is nothing important to report.

In Italian Somaliland, the port of Jumbo, at the mouth of the Juba River, has fallen to the South African forces.

The official communique announcing this in Nairobi, says that a considerable quantity of guns and material were captured. A brigade staff and one full Colonel, together with a number of European and native prisoners were also captured.

Butter Ration Doubled

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The butter ration in Britain will be doubled as from the week beginning on March 19, according to a Ministry of Food announcement. The new ration will be four ounces per person weekly.

A corresponding increase in the amount of butter allowed to be served in restaurants and catering establishments is also provided for and becomes operative the same day.

MEDITERRANEAN AREA MINED

Admiralty Warning To Shipping

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—The entire central Mediterranean area has been mined by the Royal Navy and rendered dangerous to shipping.

The Admiralty yesterday announced that the following area in the Mediterranean is dangerous to shipping: "All waters enclosed by the lines joining the following positions:

"From Cape Saint Marie di Fuca, in Italy, towards Benghazi, thence westwards along the African coast to the Tunisian Tripoli frontier, thence along the limit of French territorial water to a position three miles to the north of Cape Bon, thence along the west coast of Sardinia to Parallel 41, thence eastward to Paola Fuora Point, and finally southward and eastward along the Italian coast to Cape Saint Maria di Leuca."

"Shipping proceeding in these waters will do so at their own risk."

LEASE & LEND BILL

Passage Of Measure At The Week-End?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter).—Passage of the Lend Lease Bill is expected at the end of next week, said Senator Barkley, Democratic leader in the U.S. Senate, yesterday.

He hoped the Senate would start voting on amendments on Wednesday.

The Republican Senator Taft, who unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for the Presidency at the last election, opposed the Bill, proposing instead a loan to Britain of \$2,000,000,000.

The Republican Senator Capper, who is one of the oldest senators, also opposed, contending that the Bill would give President Roosevelt the powers of dictatorship.



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Portland Street Fire Recalls Jury's Riders At Inquest Last Year

HOUSING COMMISSION REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AWAITED!

Within 30 minutes a fire, which started on the first floor of a Chinese tenement house, had completely gutted four storeys and caused the death of an old woman and a 12-month-old baby.

The fire, which started at about 8.45 a.m. on Friday, soon had enveloped the common stairways of houses Nos. 18 and 20, Portland Street, and more than 20 people were in danger of being trapped. As it was, three children were found to be missing after the occupants had been rescued.

The type of the houses involved was that so commonly seen in Hongkong and Kowloon—the regular old-fashioned ones with wooden floors and stairways; and which have proved themselves to be regular death-traps time and again.

This fire, with its resultant loss of lives, brings to mind the one of December 3, 1939, which destroyed three houses (Nos. 478, 480 and 482, Shanghai Street), and which caused the death of 48 persons and resulted in 11 others being seriously injured.

An inquest into the death of a 9-year-old girl, who died as the result of jumping from the third floor verandah of one of the houses, was held by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen on Jan. 12, 1940.

FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS
Recording a verdict of "Accidental death," the jury, which comprised of Messrs. B. A. Gellman (Foreman), Wong Kwai-yin, and J. A. Remedios, made four recommendations among which were that:

"As a temporary measure for greater safety from fire with regard to the old type of houses which had wooden stairs they would welcome the substitution for those of covered concrete stairways that would reach also to the roof," and:

"That, as a temporary expedient, the verandahs of adjoining houses on all floors be connected wherever possible by some kind of opening or other means of access from one verandah to the other."

That these recommendations have been, and are being, completely disregarded by both Government and the landlords is evidenced by the existence of thousands of this type of houses and the fact that verandahs are not only partitioned off but are usually used for storing firewood and other household goods, if not, as in many cases in the slum areas, actually for living purposes.

NO COMPUNCTION
Owners of these houses have no compunction in charging excessive rents for these so-called dwelling houses. They are, however, unwilling to spend a single cent in re-

PROFITEERING ON FIREWOOD TO BE CURBED

The recent "threat" by Government to monopolise the firewood business if profiteering continue and the announcement of a Government shipment of firewood from Sandakan has had, apparently, a sobering effect on firewood dealers, prices having dropped from 17 catties to 22 catties per dollar.

Based on an estimated daily consumption of about 10,000 piculs, it is pointed out that a weekly arrival of between 3,000 and 4,000 tons of firewood would bring the present situation back to normal.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Urban Council will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 4.15 p.m.

Orders of the day: application for addition of an eating house licence for No. 4, D'Aguiar Street, ground floor; application for addition of lots Nos. 5730, 5721 and 5720 and for the additional business of preserving fruits to the food preserving licence for No. 171, Sheong Sha Po; application for a food preserving licence for the premises on K.M.L. No. 57, Thistle Street; application for a food shop licence for No. 57 Johnston Road, ground floor; application for permission to use the basement at Nos. 114 and 116 Austin Road as a workshop; and for human habitation; regular returns.

FIRST AID LECTURES

NEW SERIES AT HELENA MAY

A series of lectures in "First Aid" will commence on Wednesday, March 5, at 5.30 p.m. at the Helena May Institute. The Hon. Secretary, Auxiliary Nursing Service, Queen Mary Hospital will be glad to receive names of those wishing to attend.

Since the last published list the following members have completed their 96 hours hospital training in the wards, and gained the proficiency certificate:—Sarah Abdullah, Ena Alves, Stella Bander, Shel Baskett, Erid Beeken, Margaret Clark, Elizabeth Davies, Hilda Greaves, Winifred Griffin, Odun Helberg, Sister St. George, Helen Hawkins, Sister Jean de Eucharista, Nina Karmilova, Kwan Wai Ying, Rosa Loseby, Dora Lanchester, Mary Lo, Anne Mackenzie, Mahmuda Mehal, Eileen Monks, Winifred Margaret, Leslie Pockle, Edna Pockson, Marie Paterson, Sister St. Philippe, Doris Rocha, Margaret Stirling, Maud Smith, Sister St. Stephen, Lucy Sufiad, Anna Tanner, Sister Theresa, Guilaine Van der Laan, Valentine Vargassoff, Norah Wentworth, Naomi Walton Smith.

FOUNDER'S DAY OBSERVED

YING WAH GIRLS' SCHOOL FUNCTION

The Ying Wah Girls' School observed its Founder's Day in the form of a meeting at the school auditorium on Saturday afternoon.

The meeting, in which the Rev. Mr. Cheung Chu-ling presided, was attended by guests, friends, teachers, staff, and past and present students of the school.

Among those present were Dr. S. V. Boxer, senior missionary of the London Missionary Society, and Dr. R. M. Alderton, of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospital.

FOUNDER TRIBUTED

High tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Jacob, who founded the school in 1845 and was principal for more than 50 years, and to the late Miss Davis for her 42 years of services to the school.

A speech was made by Miss Wong Yuk-mui, a past student now connected with the Y.W.C.A. Making use of this occasion, past students held a reunion dinner party in the evening.

NEW DEFENCE RULES

Government has appointed an advisory committee under the section of the Defence Regulations controlling the movement and activities of persons.

The committee announced in the Government Gazette consists of:—His Honour the Chief Justice (Chairman).

Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Major R. C. Giles, R.M., Major G. R. Boxer, Mr. W. H. Lock.

Simultaneously the following new rules under the Regulations are announced:

1. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the public interest by order of the Governor, any person in respect of whom an order has been made under regulation 18 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, may make objections against the order, either in person or by counsel, solicitor or agent, to the advisory committee appointed by the Governor under the provisions of that regulation.

2. At any meeting of the advisory committee, there shall be a quorum.

3. Recommendations of the committee shall be decided by a majority of votes; in case of equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

4. Notice of objections may be sent in writing by post to the Chief Justice's Clerk at the Courts of Justice Hongkong.

"FOK CHI TENG" AMBULANCE

The public are notified that the "Fok Chi Teng" ambulance, service of which has been temporarily suspended, is again available (Tel. No. 26236—Day and Night). The ambulance service is free, but voluntary donations will be gratefully accepted and should be sent direct to the Secretary, St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, who will issue an official receipt.

FUNERAL OF MR. R. E. SLATTERY

FULL MILITARY HONOURS

Eight members of the H.K.V.D.C. acted as pall-bearers at the funeral of Mr. RICHARD ERIC SLATTERY, who died at the age of 47 at the War Memorial Nursing Home on Saturday, which took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday. Full military honours were accorded.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. A. Cooney, assisted by the Very Rev. Frs. T. Cooney and E. Bourke.

Deceased was late Sergeant Major in the H.K.V.D.C. and was connected with the Hongkong Electric Company.

A sheaf of flowers from his mother, sister and niece was lowered with the casket.

The pall-bearers were B.S.M. Ross, C.S.M. Rathmell, C.S.M. Everest, C.S.M. Britto, C.S.M. Webb, S.Q.M.S. Tibble, B.S.M. Baptista and S.M. Macolgan.

THOSE PRESENT

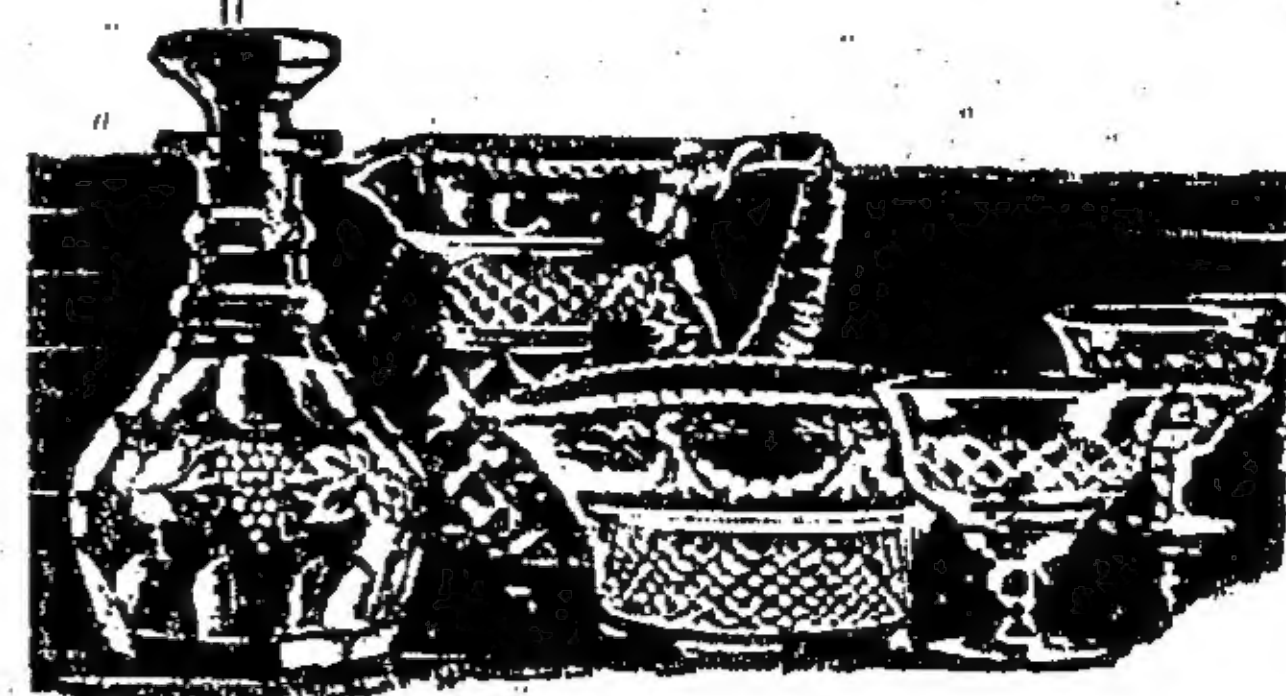
Among those present were Col. H.B. Rose, Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., Capt. E.N. Thursby, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., Lt.-Col. T.A. Martin, Maj. H. Owen-Hughes, Lt. G. P. Ferguson, Lt. L. B. Holmes, 2/Lt. R. Edwards and R.S.M. Calvert.

Others present were Messrs. V.D. Sorby, A.G. Langston, R.P. Dunlop, S. Longfield, G.G.S. Thomson, G.W.K. Crawford, R.P. Gregory, J.R. Way, S.J.C. Stanesby, H.S. Jones, R.M. Cherry, A.P. Tarbuck, J.K. Sloan, J.F. Lunny, R.W. Smith, G. Halley, J.F. Barron, R.A. Owens, J. Roscoe, Capt. F.L. Brown, G.T. Padgett, A.P. Cox, C.E. Gahagan, A.G. Everett, W. E. Baker, C. Austin, D.E. Davis and many others.

Floral tributes were sent by Mary, Paddy and Cyril, Mr. and Mrs. K. Crawford, J. C. Fitz-Henry, George T. Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Cox, T.A. Martin, Major and Mrs. S. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Deacon and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peers, Mrs. W. S. March, Lt. G.T. Baleau, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Langston, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lunny, Miss B. Smedley, Mr. N. Brandel, R.S. Begbie, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Way, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Paul, Mr. G. Halley, H.R. Kinross, Mr. and Mrs. L. de Rome, Mr. L. Gibson, Fred and Esther Grant, R. A. Owens, C. Mycock, J. Roscoe, M.I. Razack, A. Hassan, D.C. Weir. The Directors of the H.K. Electric Co., Gibb Livingston and Co. (Agents H.K. Electric Co.), Hongkong Electric Recreation Club, The Commandant and all Ranks, H.K.V.D.C., all members of the Sergeants' Mess, H.K.V.D.C., 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, Officer Commanding and all Ranks, Corps Signals, Corps Artillery H.Q. The Officers and other Ranks of No. 4 Company, and Portuguese Companies, H.K.V.D.C.

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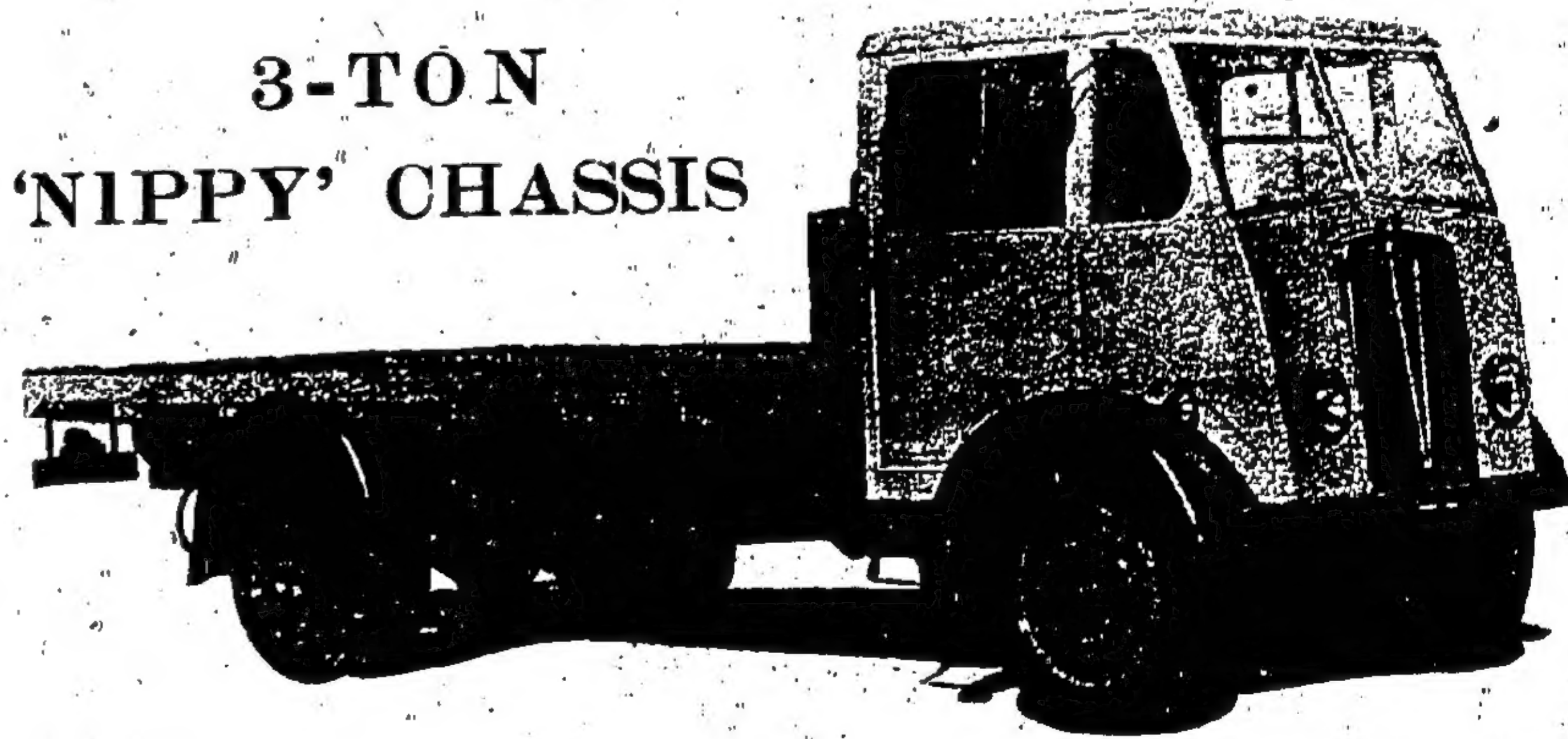
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BANK HOLIDAY.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1941. (RACE MEETING).

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1941.
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power & Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.
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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th February, 1941.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

As from Monday, the 24th of February, the Passport Office and Deposit Refund Section of the above department will be situated in Queen's Building, ground floor opposite the Star Ferry.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of February, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1941.
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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.
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NEW AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

200 Street Guards Take Oath

The first active step towards the creation of an auxiliary police unit to be called the Special Constabulary was taken recently when over 200 trained members of the newly organised Street Guards took their oath.

The Street Guards, some 500 of whom are undergoing training at the Police Training School, now are to be assigned duty in the streets from which they have been recruited.

Within a fortnight, it was learned, 100 of these guards will be assigned to patrol certain streets both on the mainland and the Island. To acquaint them with the various local ordinances, laws and regulations the guards are required to attend lectures given by experienced members of the Police Force.

An examination will be held from which successful candidates will be recruited to the proposed Special Constabulary.

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THE NEXT TEN DAYS

GERMANY is undoubtedly preparing to move very fast. I think there will be tremendous developments in the next ten days. A report from Washington on Saturday credited these words to a prominent American politician, Senator George, who is described as an intimate friend of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, thereby implying that some inside information had reached the United States Government which portended that the present tension would reach its climax shortly. Where, and how this crisis would be reached was not indicated by the Senator. But his is not the only cryptic statement to have been made during the last few days. Similar remarks have come from other parts of the world to which the "war of nerves" has been spreading, particularly from the Axis—Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. There is, nevertheless, a deal of contradiction in these expressions of opinion. As Sir Frederick Whyte, the eminent commentator, remarked on Wednesday, everyone knows that something is brewing, but, naturally enough, the chief conspirators in the Axis plot have gone to extraordinary measures to conceal their real intentions and to create a confused impression as to the manner in which the crisis will break.

IN BRITAIN ALONE, while events are being vigilantly studied and followed, there is no proclivity to either exaggerate or understate the present developments. The Government and the people, having taken all the necessary precautions to meet any emergency, no matter where it arises, and while continuing to reinforce and strengthen the preparations they have made to withstand action, whether military or political, remain calm and resolute in their attitude. There is no doubt that Britain's statesmen are being kept well-informed of the trend of the Axis plans. The keen anticipation with which steps were taken to prepare for an Axis thrust in the Far East and the sudden arrival of the British Foreign Secretary and Chief of the Imperial General Staff in Egypt is indicative of the strong sense of watchfulness with which Britain and her allies regard the present situation and is the best proof that they will not give their enemies a chance to catch them napping. This policy, indeed, is also a feature of the American attitude which is now closely bound up with British action. Any concerted Axis move will, therefore, be met with fully organised and thoroughly planned resistance—a resistance on which the whole future course of the world will depend.

THUS, as Mr. Wickham Steed, one of the world's most foremost authorities on international affairs, declared on Friday, the stage is set, the cast is ready and the audience now awaits the raising of the

WEDDING AT CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon Married On Feb. 15

The wedding took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Hong Kong, on Saturday, Feb. 15, of Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, General Secretary of the Public Works Department, and Miss Inez (Agnes) Gill.

The ceremony—which was private because of the death of the bridegroom's mother in England on Jan. 22—was performed by the Very Rev. G. M. Spada, M.A., Rector of the Cathedral.

The bride, who has been a member of the Government Senior Clerical Staff for nearly 14 years—of which 11 have been with the Medical Department—is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Gill of the Postal Department, Hong Kong, and the late Mrs. Clara Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitz-Gibbon left on Saturday on a few months holiday, which will be spent in Australia and New Zealand.

Fatal Fall From Tree

A tragedy occurred at Yuen Long, New Territories, on Saturday morning when two brothers fell from a tree one being killed instantly and the other critically injured.

The brothers were WONG KAI-PUI, 16, and WONG KAI-TAK, 14, who were killed.

About 8 a.m. on Saturday the brothers were sent out by their mother to pick up tree branches and to sell them for firewood. The slippery tree caused them to lose balance and they fell down.

The injured brother suffered from a fractured leg and was admitted to hospital.

MICHIGAN CLUB MEETING

The University of Michigan Club held a luncheon at the Metropole Hotel on Saturday when new officials of the Club were elected.

Dr. Y. T. Tsang was re-elected President of the Club for the fourth term, while Mr. S. P. Lee was chosen secretary. It was also decided that a monthly meeting would be held on the last Friday of every month.

The Club was formed in Canton about 10 years ago and was moved to the Colony following the fall of Canton.

curtain on the drama that will decide whether civilisation should be destroyed or preserved for all time. The people of Britain's Empire in the Far East, who have so far been spared the horrors of total warfare, are aware, of course, that the danger is very real, but they are at the same time more than reassured by what has been done, and is being done, to see that the peace and security which they have so long enjoyed shall not be ruthlessly snatched away from them. The chief menace to this hitherto happy position today comes from the Orient partner of the Axis, who has been induced to become a pawn in the Nazi game. Evidence is not lacking that Japan, having been caught in the Axis net, has now no option but to go ahead with her so-called "New Order" plans for domination in the East. Despite the protestations from Japan's statesmen, there is no doubt that she has reached a stage where she has lost all desire to set herself right in the eyes of the rest of the world. Urged by glowing promises of a glorified authority in the Eastern Hemisphere, she may be expected to make her grabs under the pitiful delusion that an Axis victory will enhance her position as mistress of the Orient. When disillusionment comes, after the ten days—ten days which gives her another chance to take stock of events—it will be too late to plead regrets.

CORRESPONDENCE

POLICE RESERVE APPEAL

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press.

Sir, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to give publicity to the following appeal on behalf of the Police Reserve through the medium of your newspaper.

The Police Reserve is one of the Civil Defence organisations of this Colony. It is different from other Auxiliary Organisations in that it has been in existence since 1927 and that its members have frequently been called upon for duty at various times since that year. In case this Colony is subjected to attack the Police Reserve will perform an important function in supplementing the strength of the regular Police Force.

The strength of the Police Reserve has already risen from a total of 343 in January, 1940, to a total of 966 at the present time.

In view of the heavy task which would fall on the Police Force should hostilities extend to this Colony it is desired to increase the Police Reserve to a total strength of 1,500 as soon as possible.

The Reserve is composed of the Chinese Company, Indian Company, the Flying Squad and the Emergency Unit. The last three have already almost reached maximum strength and the increase now proposed in the Police must therefore be achieved mainly by an increase in the strength of the Chinese Company.

I appeal therefore to all young men of Chinese race who have not yet joined one or other of the Colony's Civil Defence organisations to come forward and take their share in the defence of the Colony by joining the Police Reserve. Young men who are keen on games and an outdoor life will find the Police Reserve work attractive. I appeal also to all employers, both European and Chinese, to encourage Chinese young men in their employ to volunteer for the Police Reserve, and where necessary to grant them facilities for training and duty. In present circumstances this should not involve any interference with their normal work as both training and duty are carried on outside office hours.

The training for the Police Reserve is divided into three parts: Part I—Squad Drill; Part II—Knowledge of Police duty; Part III—Handling and firing of revolvers. After training the work of Police Reservists is similar in all respects to that of members of the regular Police Force. Police Reservists are now doing duty to supplement the regular Police Force.

Applications to join the Police Reserve should be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Police Reserve who will be glad to supply any further information required.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. G. PERDUE
Acting Commissioner of Police

ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE

Dear Sir,—We would draw your attention to a mis-statement made in your issue of 22nd instant with regard to the increases in the standard charges for current. These increases will take effect in respect of all accounts issued for meters read on and after March 21, 1941. We shall be obliged if you will draw attention to this correction.

Yours faithfully,
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The statement referred to read as follows:

"An increase of one cent, from 15 cents to 16 cents, per unit for lighting and of half a cent, from five cents to five and a half cents, per unit for power is revealed in a statement issued yesterday by the Hongkong Electric Company. The new charges become effective as from March 21. It is also recorded that from that date the discount of 10 per cent, on power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued."—Ed., H.K.D.P.)

Mr. W. L. Lewis, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, will sail for the United States on board the Tabata Maru on Wednesday. This was disclosed by Mr. R. Ono, new Manager of the N.Y.K. Line, who announced that Mr. Lewis' return to New York Office was only a routine move.

BRITAIN SPEAKS:

Germany Itself Was First Of Hitler's List Of Victims

"It is now plain that Germany was the first of Herr Hitler's long list of victims. In Germany alone could Herr Hitler strike at the soul. Terrible things have been done in the name of political and religious belief, but you will not find a body of men so cynically ready to wreck human progress as the Nazis are."

MR. IAN FINDLAY, the Scottish author, made this statement in the course of a broadcast from London yesterday when he discussed the difference between the democratic idea of culture as compared to what the Nazi attitude towards it was.

REAL CULTURE ABSENT

Mr. Findlay related an incident that occurred in the pre-Nazi days of Germany when he was on a visit to that country. He recalled how a country resident, an old man, had invited him into his cottage garden, had got talking to

him, and he soon found that he and his newly-found friend had much in common.

Contacts like that could not take place after a generation of Nazism. The idea of culture, based on Christianity, was absent. Behind real culture, based on principles of right and wrong, on women and chivalry, and family ties, was the dim shadow of the cause of Christianity.

That cause has now been bent into a Swastika in Germany, with the rest of the background twisted and distorted. A generation of Nazism would make the Germans utter strangers to the rest of the world.

STRANGE HAPPENINGS

A year or two after the Nazi revolution, strange things began to happen in Germany. Everything that came under the term of culture was destroyed and truth was turned inside out. Culture was considered by the Nazi as a dangerous link with thinking men everywhere, and propaganda was considered the only useful intellect.

Some people, continued Mr. Findlay, admired Herr Hitler for getting things done. They said it was the love of Germany that made him do it. Was it love of Germany that made him trample on the best gifts of his country by the practice of a gangster's system?

To the Nazis power seems to be the only object, so Herr Hitler must go on conquering until he has trampled on everything worth living for. When he talks of his new order he made it nothing but the dedication of all people to Nazi power.

LIES AND TREACHERY

"The world under the Nazis would get rather less under its masters than Rome got under Nero," said Mr. Findlay. "You remember Marshal Goering's words about guns instead of butter? Guns are not the only instruments of Herr Hitler's war—there is the work of lies and treachery which guns only finish off. It is this brutalising of men that makes the Nazi scourge greater than any other scourge."

"And now who will give them back the courage of Luther," the respect given to them by thousands of universities, and the cheer and laughter of candle-light Christmases?"

Twenty-Six Years Of Scouting

One of the few Malay Scout officers who have completed over 25 years of scout service is Mr. F. G. H. Parry, of the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh.

Mr. Parry, who completed 25 years of scouting last week, joined the Movement in 1915 in the First Selangor Troop. He remained there five years.

In 1925, Mr. Parry was attached to the tutorial staff of the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, where he became an assistant Scoutmaster of the 1st Ipoh Troop.

A year later he was promoted to be Scoutmaster and four years later he became District Scoutmaster, Ipoh.

Since his appointment as District Scoutmaster, the Ipoh division progressed rapidly in scout activities, particularly the 1st Ipoh Troop. They won the Perak Boy Scouts' Flag for conspicuous progress in 1926, the Perak Sultan's shield for general efficiency in 1927 and the Lam Looking Shield for athletics in 1930-33.

WARRANTED ROVER LEADER. From 1930-33 Mr. Parry was chairman of the Ipoh Boy Scouts' Local Committee and has also been a member of the Executive Committee of the Perak Boy Scouts' Association since 1932.

Mr. Parry is a Warranted Rover Scout Leader. He was Rover Leader of the First Perak Rover Crew from 1934-36 and he is at present Rover Leader of the 1st Ipoh Rover, attached to the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh.

In February, 1936, Mr. Parry was awarded the Certificate of Merit by Imperial Headquarters, London.

MR. ERNEST HEMINGWAY INTERVIEWED

ITALIANS FLEEING FROM DEFEAT INFLICTED IN SPAIN

The Italians in Albania and North Africa are fleeing from a defeat inflicted on them in Spain two years ago, stated MR. ERNEST HEMINGWAY, the noted author, in an interview with the Hongkong Daily Press last night.

Fascism had already fought ten rounds before Mussolini sent his legions to pick a quarrel with the Greeks. Mr. Hemingway explained, and was already quite as groggy as any boxer who had taken a good deal of punishment in the ring.

The first two rounds were fought in Abyssinia, the next eight in Spain, the eleventh round and those following it are being fought now. Fascism's lack of success today, Mr. Hemingway thinks, may be directly attributed to the fact that the blackshirts had to stomach too much defeat in Spain and have become quite used to setbacks.

Mr. Hemingway, accompanied by his wife, arrived here by Clipper on Saturday. He is in the Orient as special correspondent for the newest New York daily "P.M." while his wife, who was "Miss Martha Gellhorn," is here also as a roving correspondent for Colliers Magazine.

Miss Gellhorn was a war correspondent in Spain, where Mr. Hemingway first knew her, and covered also the Soviet invasion

of Finland. Asked as to his opinion who was a better correspondent, his wife or himself, the author of "Farewell to Arms," "The Fifth Column" and many other notable books, claimed the honour for his wife. "She is younger than I am," Mr. Hemingway explained simply.

FAVOURITE BOOK

Of all his books, his latest "For whom the Bell Tolls," a tale of the Spanish War, is his favourite. Mr. Hemingway affirmed. He thinks it is also his best and accedes to the opinion that an author's latest work must always rank as his greatest. Mr. Hemingway believes that every new work must profit from the experiences acquired in the writing of earlier ones. "For Whom the Bell Tolls" has sold 700,000 copies in the United States, and this must indeed be held proof that it was admired by a good many readers.

Asked to elaborate on his reasons for thinking the Italians have been unable to get over their Spanish experiences, Mr. Hemingway explained that they were badly beaten on three occasions. The first, the Guadalajara rout, is history. The Italian victory at Malaga gave them some renewed confidence. But then, the Fascists were badly beaten at Borneo. The action is very little known, Mr. Hemingway said. It was fought in the Basque country in the Fascist drive to take Bilbao.

BADLY BEATEN

The third occasion when the Italians were badly beaten was at Chertal. The victory was not at all recorded in the press of the world, but it was an unquestioned fact that four Fascist divisions were used up in the assault on Tortosa. The Italians had 150,000 in Spain. They evacuated only 70,000. The question, Mr. Hemingway suggests, is what happened to the rest? One of Mr. Hemingway's best-known works is his play "The Sea by an Army of Whirlwinds," Fifth Column. The origin of the term "fifth column" has been attributed by many to Mr. Hemingway. Mr. Hemingway waived his rights to having coined a new term when questioned on this point.

The Fascist General Amelio Mola was the man who first spoke about a "fifth column." General Mola, explaining his advance on a Republican held city in the Spanish war, claimed that he had "four columns advancing on the city and that one is already in the city." So Mr. Hemingway, knowing full well what a nasty deal of import these words carried, decided on writing a play exposing the many ramifications of a new, if striking, style of strategy. He called the play "The Fifth Column."

NOTHING EXCITING

Asked about his most exciting experience in Spain, Mr. Hemingway was rather taken aback. "There is nothing exciting," he countered. He had experienced deafening bombardments when "you bleed from nose, mouth and ears" but bombardment, in a war, Mr. Hemingway said, "is like the weather." It varies its temperature and a lot of people just plod on through it and do the best they can by the times.

"A Farewell To Arms" was written in 1929. It described vividly the Italian retreat at Caporetto in 1917. "I carried the thing about with me for many years here" Mr. Hemingway said and pointed to his forehead. Finally he got down to writing about it. What is not generally known is the fact that Ernest Hemingway was just 17 years of age during the Caporetto retreat. He is only 41 now. "The book was the first to bring his name to the front rank among authors."

The Hemingways plan to spend a few days in Hongkong before moving South or to Chungking. They have put up at the Repulse Bay Hotel. Both are visiting the Orient for the first time, and are not keen on expressing their points of view on the scheme of things here.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS BY THE GREEKS

ATHENS, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Restricted artillery and patrol activities, with the capture of prisoners, are reported in the latest Greek High Command communiqué.

A London message added that Greek forces in Albania made two successful attacks, one north of Pogradetz and the other in the central sector.

Sharp Grecian Reply To Italian Canard

ATHENS, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—A sharp reply to the Italian wireless allegation that British help to Greece is insufficient was made by the newspaper Estia.

Greece, says the newspaper, did not undertake the struggle against the aggressor to ask for or receive British help.

"We are grateful to Britain for her help and the Italians, more than anyone else, are in a position to know how much has been given since it was they who received the blows dealt by the British Fleet and R.A.F. at Taranto, in Sicily, the Dodecanese and Albania."

"But British material help, while of prime importance in our struggle, is not the only help we have received. Help has come from the United States, Egypt, Canada, Trans-Jordan, Argentina, the Dutch East Indies and every part of the world where free men breathe."

DEEP GRATITUDE

Expressing Greece's very deep gratitude to all countries for the help given her the writer adds: "One country alone is incapable of realising the significance and very great moral importance of this help—that country is Fascist Italy, covered with shame, humiliated and made ridiculous by her own actions."

NO CONFIRMATION OF NAZI CLAIM

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Neither the State Department in Washington nor the Canadian Naval Headquarters in Ottawa had any information whatever concerning the German claim to have sunk a steamer named "Canadian Cruiser."

The Germans also claim that the Canadian Cruiser was flying the United States flag and carrying United States markings.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The conclusion that Germany is facing the prospect of a serious shortage of essential foods within six months has been reached by United States Government economists.

The report by Dr. Frederick Strauss, the Department of Agriculture economist, lists prospective shortages of meats, fats, vitamins and minerals.

America Has So Much To Give, Says Mr. Currie

CHUNGKING, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—"China is asking so little and America has so much to give. I hope we will not fail you," said MR. LAUGHLIN CURRIE, head of the United States Economic Mission at a reception given in his honour by the Sino-American Cultural Association and the Chungking Harvard Club this afternoon.

Referring to the growth of democracy in the United States and China, Mr. Currie pointed out that the first American trading vessel came to China following the establishment of the American Government.

He revealed the ancestors of President Roosevelt were the first traders with China.

DEMOCRATIC GROWTH

Mr. Currie noted that both countries began democratic growth in village administrations. He also expressed satisfaction in finding the development concepts related to the democratic system such as equal rights for all.

The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson also addressed the group expressing regret at his imminent departure.

DARLAN AGAIN FOR PARIS

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Admiral Darlan will make another trip to Paris tomorrow, according to a Vichy report given by the Swiss Radio.

The announcer stated that Admiral Darlan was going there "in order to remain in continual close contact with French circles in the capital and with the occupation authorities."

LAVAL'S THREAT

M. Laval has threatened to split unoccupied France in two: place unless his demands on Vichy are met," states a message from Sydney in quoting a radio report from Switzerland.

The message added that M. Laval has said that if Vichy show any resistance he would call in German troops to accomplish his object.—(Special)

AUSSIE ADMIRATION FOR BRITAIN

SYDNEY, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Mr. R. G. Menzies did well to make his first message to the British nation in behalf of Australia one of admiration of its fortitude in the face of an ordeal without precedent in the history of the war," said the Sydney Herald commenting on the arrival of the Australian Prime Minister in England.

The paper adds: "We have indeed been moved by Britain's invincible courage and endurance."

King Thanks New Zealand

SIR CYRIL NEWALL TAKES OATH

WELLINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The King's gratitude to New Zealand for her part in the war was conveyed by the new Governor-General, Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, when he took the oath before a large gathering in the grounds of Parliament yesterday.

Giving the message from the King and Queen, the new Governor said: "The King recognises with gratitude the assistance New Zealand is giving in the prosecution of the war and is confident that those labours will be rewarded with victory and a just and lasting peace."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, in welcoming the Governor-General, said: "New Zealand will strain every nerve and sacrifice to make her contribution to the war effort. She faces the future with the fullest confidence."

TRIED TO JOIN A "FOREIGN ARMY"

VICHY, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Six Frenchmen, who "tried to join a foreign army" without permission from the French Government, have each been sentenced at Marnes to five years of hard labour and deprivation of civil rights.

Two others were sentenced on similar charges.

INVASION OF BULGARIA ALREADY BEGUN

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Pravda reported that a Russian naval flotilla is stationed on the Danube.

LIE GIVEN

ISTANBUL, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The Turkish Press unanimously gives lie to the Axis propaganda which is representing the Turco-Bulgarian non-aggression pact as a British-diplomatic defeat.

The newspaper Ikdam, which is typical, says the Axis interpretation is utterly opposed to the truth as Turkey considers her alliances and friendships as sacred.

STRONG RESERVE

Turkey continues to adopt strong reserve with regard to her pact with Bulgaria, but it was stated that her foreign policy will be in no way changed, states a Saigon message.

The attitude of Yugo-Slavia, however, still remains mysterious, and, in the meantime, reports continue to show that Germany is massing huge forces along the Rumanian banks of the Danube.—(Special)

PIERCEDLY ANTI-NAZI

BELGRADE, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Serious repercussions among the Yugoslav public to the publication of references to the erection of pontoon bridges across the Danube at Rusechuk are expected by political circles here.

The Yugoslav public is already fiercely anti-Nazi and it is believed the authorities will have to issue some explanatory statement with a view to pacifying public opinion.

Political observers think a publication report should be connected with the recent reaction to the Turco-Bulgarian declaration. The general public both here and in Bulgaria believe this declaration was "due to Russian influence and aimed at the prevention of a German invasion of the Balkans."

GUNS ON BANK ROOF

SOFIA, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Bulgaria is awaiting events with outburst of anti-aircraft guns on the roof of the National Bank is significant of the underlying tension which pervades the capital.

In the eyes of well-informed British circles here, Bulgaria is on the eve of occupation by German troops.

German anxiety about the fate of Italian troops in Albania is no longer secret and Bulgarian territory opens one convenient loophole through which Germany can

attempt to liquidate the Greek problem.

The mobilisation of military classes has continued in the last few days at a pace undisturbed by the declaration of friendship with Turkey earlier in the week.

EVEN HIGHER

Indeed, there is little doubt that the tension in the capital is now even higher than before the declaration which was heralded here as a solution of all threats against this country.

Reports, that persons suspected of pro-British sympathies were arrested in the capital this morning, are not confirmed but, it is certain that some 30 Agrarians were detained by the police.

No exact reason was given for their arrest. The charge that they were pro-British is regarded as a convenient one for publication in the circumstances.

Official circles in Sofia stoutly maintain there will be no German occupation of Bulgaria and such reports as those of pontoon bridges across the Danube are denied as quickly as they appear.

SUDDEN CLOSURE

But despite the official calm, there exists great national anxiety concerning possible consequences of a German occupation. The sudden closing of British Institutes here last night has done nothing to allay these fears.

There is, however, no confirmation in responsible quarters here of reports of disorders in various provincial districts.

German despatches, claiming that the position of Greece is "precarious," are prominently displayed in the Bulgarian press this morning. Almost all the newspapers are now careful to point out that Germany no longer regards this as an isolated conflict.

MAIN STORY

The ZORA, for instance, anticipates to keep insisting on reports of British landing in Salonika. The main story in the UNTRO today is headed "German action in the Balkans will precede British."

Momentary distraction is the Bulgarian link up with the visit of a Bulgarian economic mission to Belgrade. But it is well realised here that the coming week is likely to be rich in events which will overshadow trade talks between these two countries.

Sunday Times Confident Lease And Lend Bill Will Go Through

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—While regretting the delays in the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill caused by a minority of Isolationist Senators, the SUNDAY TIMES says they cannot be thought greater than was expected.

The Bill, the paper is confident, will go through with the strong approval of a great majority of Americans, while the pause will stimulate the public to understand the case for a measure and in so doing realise its strength.

The paper continues: "Alarms arising from the Japanese movements has told in the same direction. Many, perhaps most Americans, had said in the past that much as they disapproved Japan's Chinese policy, they will never fight her unless she attacked American possessions."

SHOW OF HANDS

Congress has twice in the last three years, rejected proposals to fortify the island of Guam. Now the Bill providing for that has gone through on a mere show of hands with only one speech against it.

The reason is when once the possibility of Japan's dispossessing Holland of Java and Britain of Singapore came to be examined in a practical spirit, the effect on America's future became obvious.

It is to be hoped a firm United States attitude in the Pacific may avert the risk of war there altogether.

ACUTE PROBLEM OF CLOTHING

The problem of clothing is becoming very acute in occupied France, states a message from Saigon.

The sale of shoes and clothing is to be limited to cases of strict necessity and will only be possible on presentation of permission to purchase.—(Special)

GERMAN TROOPS IN BULGARIA

LONDON SCEPTICAL OF REPORTS

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Well-informed circles are sceptical of reports of German troops entering Bulgaria, but there are signs that an open move will take place in the near future, as distinct from the infiltration movement which has been going on for some time.

Among these indications are the drastic curtailment of railway traffic in Bulgaria during the past two days, elaborate bridging preparations in various parts of the Danube and also the requisition of houses at strategic points.

It is understood that, hitherto, no German troops in uniform have appeared in Bulgaria, and there is thus no question of the British Minister departing.

Such a decision would have to be made by the Minister himself, if and when Bulgaria became occupied territory. At the moment however, Bulgaria retains her nominal independence.

GEN. WEYGAND

BERLIN, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—General Weygand has left for another tour of inspection which will take him to several towns in Morocco and "ultimately to Dakar," according to a Vichy report to the official German News Agency.

441 Public Dugouts In Chungking Ready Soon

CHUNGKING, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Air raid precautions in Chungking will be completed by the end of March when 441 public and 543 private dugouts will be ready in accommodation 310,000 persons, it is officially stated.

Before the bombing season starts, the Municipal authorities hope to evacuate 300,000 people.

Seventeen new water tanks have been constructed to safeguard the water supply of the war-time capital.

MONEY MARKET SATISFACTORY

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The Money Market, apart from an occasional shortage owing to tax payments of credit considerations, remained quite satisfactory while discount marked found a ready outlet for bills they were prepared to sell.

Sixty-five million sterling of treasury bills offered an allotted average rate discount of 21 1/2 per cent, which was virtually similar to last week.

Total applications were lower at £139,000,000 and consequently the market syndicate received 28 per cent. of their applications, compared to 23 per cent.

Wall Street was closed.

MASS JAPANESE AIR RAID ON BURMA RD.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—After an eight-day lull, 36 Japanese planes again invaded Yunnan in two waves, bombing the Burma Road and the southwestern outskirts of Kunming.

One Japanese plane is reported to have crashed when machine-gunning trucks on the Burma Road.

Consequences Of A Nazi Victory

Outspoken Address By Mr. H. Wallace

DES MOINES (Iowa), Feb. 23 (Reuter)—"Our only hope for peace is to prevent England from being destroyed by the Nazis. Let those who fear the consequences of war keep that in mind," said Mr. Henry Wallace in making his first address as Vice-President of the United States.

Mr. Wallace declared that complete Nazi victory would first result in Nazi domination of South America and an effort to dominate the United States.

"All Europe and Africa would be co-ordinated and Nazi quislings in South America would immediately make a drive for political power."

"The Nazis would endeavour, by skillfully directed trade, to determine the economic structure of every country in the world. The only hope of keeping even part of our pre-war markets is Hitler's defeat. The speed of American production would determine the date of Hitler's defeat."

Latest U.S. Gallup Survey On Far East

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Possible Far Eastern developments featured the latest Gallup survey. Asked whether the United States should endeavour to prevent Japan from seizing the Netherlands East Indies and Singapore, 58 per cent. answered "yes," 24 per cent. "no," while 20 per cent. were undecided.

Asked if the United States should risk war in order to prevent Japan from taking the N.E.I. and Singapore, 39 per cent. answered "yes," 46 per cent. "no," with 15 per cent. undecided.

INTERESTS THREATENED

Asked whether the United States should endeavour to obtain British permission for the use of naval bases in Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand, 58 per cent. replied "yes," 29 per cent. "no," and 16 per cent. were undecided.

BIG AERIAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS?

CONSTANT PATROLS OVER CHANNEL

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Considerable air activity, resembling the hectic days of last autumn, was witnessed over the Kent coast yesterday.

Constant patrols of British fighters circled high overhead all morning waiting to deal with any hit and run raiders who might chance a sudden raid over the Channel.

Relays of aircraft, flying at from 20,000 to 25,000 feet, were seen heading south in close formation with single machines far out on either flank. It is believed that this meant that a big air battle is being fought somewhere south of the Straits of Dover.

BOMBERS DOWNED

"One enemy fighter has been shot down. Some bombs have been dropped during the day, mainly in East Kent, but according to reports hitherto received, these caused little damage and a few casualties," states an Air Ministry communiqué.

"It is now known that an enemy bomber was destroyed last night by anti-aircraft fire in the West Country and a second bomber destroyed early in the afternoon near Bristol Channel."

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS IN INDO-CHINA

A Domei Agency report, quoted in a London message, states that the Japanese authorities in Indo-China are watching with growing concern the warlike preparations being made by the French authorities.

The Agency adds that the Governor-General of Indo-China has issued an order to all prefects in Tongking to prepare against all possible emergencies and to have able-bodied youths standing by for possible mobilisation.—(Special)

20,000 TROOPS

According to a message from Saigon, 20,000 British troops and 150 planes have been massed along the Thai border. Both the British and Thai Governments, however, have stressed their peaceful intentions.—(Special)

JAPANESE FLEET OFF INDO-CHINA

French Protest To Mr. Matsuoka

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The French delegation to the Tokyo conference of mediation in the dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China presented a protest yesterday morning to Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, against the presence of a Japanese fleet off the Indo-China Coast.

The protest emphasised that the delegation could not consent to negotiate under this threat.

It refers to reports that a Japanese squadron has been cruising in the Gulf of Siam for the past fortnight and has been observed several times recently off the coast of the Isthmus of Kra and is now engaged in patrolling along the limits of Indo-China's territorial waters.

REPORT DENIED

BANGKOK, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Denying reports that the peace negotiations between Thailand and Indo-China in Tokyo have reached a deadlock, a Thai Government communiqué yesterday said Japanese mediation is proceeding smoothly and there are hopes it will soon be peacefully concluded.

ITALIAN ARMY IN NORTHERN AFRICA

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—A statement issued in Rome denies reports that Signor Mussolini has enquired of Marshal Petain, through an intermediary in France, on what conditions the Italian Army in Northern Africa would be permitted to proceed through French territory to Spanish Morocco.

Reports published abroad regarding the alleged attempts by Germany to mediate in the Italo-Greek conflict are also denied by the official Italian news agency.

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FAMOUS FRENCH

EXPLORER IN

CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (Central)—M. A. Gubaut, famous French explorer representing the French Geographical Society in Paris, arrived in Chungking recently following a seven-month tour of Sikkim. He will shortly visit Chengtu and later Kunming. After that, he said, in view of the war "heaven knows" where he would go.

This was his second trip to Sikkim, the first being made in 1936-1937 when he took many photographs and motion pictures. During the second tour, however, he met with an unfortunate incident and lost his associate, M. L. Liotard, who accompanied him, all his films and belongings.

ATTACKED BY BANDITS
This happened on September 9, 1940 when Gubaut's caravan, consisting of two Tibetans, a Chinese servant, five horses and 10 yaks, was attacked by a group of 20 bandits. Armed with guns, the bandits descended upon them from a high mountain northwest of Chungking. Liotard and the Chinese servant were killed while Gubaut managed to escape to a lamaserie in company with the two Tibetans, his overcoat riddled with bullets.

They were cordially received by the lamas and after four days' sojourn, the French explorer and the two Tibetans, accompanied by six lamas, resumed the tour on horseback. They went as far as Luho, a small town inhabited mainly by Chinese.

SIKANG RESOURCES
From Luho, Gubaut turned back, arriving at Kangting in October and in Chengtu in November. After staying in Chengtu for a couple of months, he returned to Chungking.

Commenting on his trip, Gubaut said that Sikkim has great possibilities. It is rich in mineral resources and wool, milk and butter. Exploitation of the province would strengthen considerably China's economy.

There are lamaseries everywhere in the province, he said. During his tour, he visited 12 of them, the smallest accommodating 40 to 50 lamas and the largest 300 to 400.

AW BOON-HAW

RECEIVED BY

CHAIRMAN LIN

CHUNGKING, Feb. 22 (Central)—Mr. Aw Boon-haw, well-known Chinese industrialist in Singapore, who arrived here yesterday by plane from Kunming to attend the forthcoming meeting of the People's Political Council, was received in audience this morning by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government.

In the afternoon Mr. Aw called on Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan; Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan; General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the Military Affairs Council; and other government officials.

Mr. Aw was honored at a tea party given jointly by the Overseas Chinese Reconstruction Association

PROMINENT CHINESE FROM

U.S. BRINGS MESSAGE OF

LOYALTY TO GEN. CHIANG

MR. B. S. FONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SAN FRANCISCO and member of the People's Political Council, arrived in Hongkong by the California Clipper on Saturday afternoon, en route to attend the forthcoming session of the Council.

COMING &

GOING BY

CLIPPER

FAMOUS AUTHOR

IN COLONY

Pan American Airways' CALIFORNIA CLIPPER (Captain S. G. Bancroft) arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Feb. 15, and the following passengers:

MR. B. S. FONG, prominent Chinese from the U.S. and Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco, en route to Chungking;

MR. M. PATEL, chemical engineer of Bombay, returning to India;

MR. WALTER FARRELL and MR. PERRY PARMALEE, two Washington businessmen, on a trip to the Orient;

MR. ERNEST HEMINGWAY, famous author, en route to the Orient accompanied by his wife, MARTHA HEMINGWAY;

MR. HENRY MCNEARY, commercial representative, on a business trip;

MR. WM. G. GRAIDWOOD, associated with the Philippine Refining Co., Manila, on a business visit to the Colony;

MR. JAMES DUFF, executive of American International Underwriters, on a business trip to Hongkong; and

Messrs. Kang Tian and Tan H. Chinese merchants, on business.

DEPARTURES
The CALIFORNIA CLIPPER took off yesterday morning for San Francisco, via Manila, with the following passengers:

FOR SAN FRANCISCO: Mr. Hsia Yueh-hsiao, Chinese Government official, en route to New York on an official mission;

FOR MANILA: Mr. CHEN SHUN-YUAN, Chinese banker, on business; Major E. S. Proes, British Army Officer, making a vacation round trip by Clipper; SENOR JOSE PAEZ, Filipino merchant, returning home after a business trip to Hongkong; MESSRS. WONG SENG KONG MOW SUN and QUAN HANG, Chinese Clipper commuters; MR. JAS. A. DUFF, of American International Underwriters returning after an overnight stay in the Colony; MR. J. DE LA CRUZ, Chinese merchant dying back to Manila; and MR. WONG YUAN official of the Chinese Government, en route to the U.S. on an official mission.

PHILIPPINE CLIPPER
The PHILIPPINE CLIPPER is due to arrive in Hongkong on Saturday next, Mar. 1, and will leave the following morning.

Y.W.C.A. DRIVE
FOR FUNDS

CAMPAIGN TO START
ON MARCH 4

The annual finance drive of the Young Women's Christian Association to be held jointly again this year by the Hongkong and the Canton branch and the National Association, will start on March 4 and continue until April 2, with a goal set at \$42,000.

Mrs. N. L. Smith has kindly consented to act as Honorary Campaign Chairman, and Madame Sun Fo as Commander-in-Chief of teams.

Advisers are:—Bishop R. O. Hall, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Thomas Tam, Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Tang Shu Kin, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Madame Liao Chung Kai, Mrs. A. E. Southard, Mrs. J. H. Bruins, Miss Tseng Pao Swen, Dr. D. L. Ballantyne, Mr. Lee Ying Lam, Dr. Hoi Yam Tong, Mr. Lee Yu Cheung, Mrs. Lambert Dunbar, Mrs. E. Cook, Miss Rosamunde Kung, Mr. W. F. Carman, Mr. Lam Ming Fan and Mr. Wong To On.

and the Fukien Provincial Reconstruction Association.

After attending the People's Political Council meeting, Mr. Aw plans to tour Free China to study the economic conditions and the possibilities for overseas Chinese investment for industrial development.

Mr. Aw was honored at a tea party given jointly by the Overseas Chinese Reconstruction Association

He was greeted at the airfield by a large number of prominent Chinese in the Colony, including General Chen Ching-yun, General Fang Chen-wu, and representatives of General Li Hon-wan, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, and General Yu Han-mbu, Pacification Commissioner of Kwangtung.

STATEMENT TO PRESS
In a statement to the press, Mr. Fong declared:

"The primary purpose of my trip to China is to attend the coming session of the People's Political Council. I also hope to avail myself of this opportunity to visit the front lines to express to our soldiers, who have so courageously fought against Japanese aggression, the loyalty and gratitude of their Chinese compatriots living in the Western Hemisphere.

"The Chinese Overseas residents are not only interested in the immediate problems of defense and relief, but are vitally concerned with the gigantic task of economic reconstruction; therefore this occasion will give me an opportunity to observe the changes that are taking place in Free China. We who live abroad are anxious to do our share to support our war of resistance.

MESSAGE OF LOYALTY
"To Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and our gallant army, I carry the message of loyalty and devotion of their compatriots living in the American continents. I express their hope that unity and discipline will be maintained for the accomplishment of the supreme task of driving out the Japanese invaders."

Questioned as to what proposals he will make at the coming session of the People's Political Council, he replied that they will mostly concern the question of improving the conditions of Chinese in the United States.

FERVENT PATRIOT
A native of Tolsian, Kwangtung, Mr. Fong, 44, was a graduate of Stanford University, U.S.A. He has been in America for 23 years, engaging in business.

A fervent patriot, he has taken the lead in patriotic activities in the United States since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937. As Chairman of the Chinese United Funds Campaign Committee, he has been instrumental in raising huge sums of relief funds for the Chinese war refugees at home.

This is the second time that Mr. Fong returned to China since he left for the United States 23 years ago, the first time being 18 years ago. He has not yet decided the date for his departure for Chungking.

EVACUATION
OF AMERICANS,
BRITONS FROM
TIENTSIN

CHUNGKING, Feb. 21 (Central)—The Yung Pao, a Japanese-sponsored Chinese daily in Tientsin, reports that many American and British firms in Tientsin are either winding up or reducing the scope of their business following receipt of advice from their home governments to evacuate.

The American Consul-General in Tientsin, according to the paper, summoned the managers of the American firms to a conference at the American Consulate General yesterday when the governmental advice to evacuate was explained.

JAPANESE EVACUEES
CHUNGKING, Feb. 21 (Central)—A Japanese steamer with about 150 Japanese evacuees from the South Seas aboard arrived in Shanghai on Wednesday and is scheduled to leave for Kobe today, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

The Japanese are levying heavy taxes in Kaifeng. A number of Chinese salt merchants were arrested there on February 14 on a charge of evading payment.

ROUND THE

POLICE

COURTS

AT CENTRAL

JUNK MASTER CONVICTED

Wong Shek-shing, 50, master of trading junk No. T547H, appeared before Major A. N. Macfadyen on Saturday on charges of movement of rice without a licence, breach of the Defence Regulations, and unlawful possession of ammunition.

Defendant was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, who pleaded guilty to all three charges.

Mr. Silva added that a light penalty would suffice to bring home to his client the fact of the grave need for stricter observance of the defence regulations.

Fine of \$500, or three months' hard labour, was imposed, while the ammunition was ordered to be confiscated.

Sgt. H. Dinsdale prosecuted. Similar sentences were imposed on Cheuk Shing, 52, junk master, and Lam Pui-yuk, 51, cargo owner, for moving 37 bags of rice on board junk No. T519TH in Shaui-kwan harbour on Feb. 21 without a licence from the Controller of Trade.

St. Kinloch prosecuted. **POSSESSION OF ARMS**
Charge with unlawful possession of a revolver and two rounds of ammunition at a lane behind No. 107, Main Street West on Feb. 21. Yeung Yan-fu, 25, unemployed, appeared before Major Macfadyen on Saturday when he was remanded for 48 hours for making further enquiries, on the application of Sgt. H. Dinsdale, who is in charge of the case.

BOUND OVER
Alleged to have assaulted Tai King, 23, splinter, with a hammer in a quarrel over a money transaction at Des Voeux Road Central, near Sincere Company, on Feb. 21. Yiu Lam, 31, shop-cooler, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry on a common assault charge.

Pleading guilty, defendant was bound over in the sum of \$20 to be of good behaviour for six months.

SHORT-LIVED FREEDOM
Charged with escaping from lawful custody, Lau Tak-tai, 36, unemployed, was re-arrested early on Friday morning in Pokfulam Road, near the Hongkong University and appeared before Mr. Lowry on Saturday, when he was ordered to be remanded for 48 hours.

Lau was to have appeared for trial at the Criminal Sessions on Friday on a charge of a breach of the deportation order. Owing to his absence, an indictment to remain on file was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the request of Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

AT KOWLOON
"TSE FA" GAMBLERS.
In a raid carried out by Sgt. A. E. Haynes and a party of police on Friday afternoon, nine persons, including seven women, were arrested charged with keeping a gaming house and gambling respectively before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson on Saturday.

Wong Choi-ho, 54, and Chan Kam, 24, married woman, who were found writing and selling "Tse Fa" lottery tickets during the raid, were each fined \$100, while the others were fined \$3 each.

Table money amounting to \$7.53 was picked up and ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

ALLEGED ROBBERIES
Alleged to have robbed Leung Ngan-bo of \$1,000 Chinese currency on Jan. 29, Fung Shu, 28, carpenter, Lau Kwai-piu, 20, coolie, Lo Kwong, 38, houseboy, and Leung Fuk, 42, were charged with robbery by two or more before Mr. Anderson on Saturday.

Sgt. Cameron asked for a remand of two days which was granted.

HYARING FIXED
Hearing of the case in which Tsang Chum-ling, 23, was charged with robbery with violence, was fixed for Feb. 28 at noon by Mr. Anderson on Saturday.

It was alleged that defendant robbed Leung Hau-ching of one piece of cloth on Feb. 21.

SEAMAN INTIMIDATED
Appearing before Mr. Anderson on Saturday on charges of demanding \$3-10s from a seaman, Tuen Kwai, at Victoria Harbour and of aiding and abetting, Wong Yuk-kun, 24, foki, was remanded

WAR TAXATION

COMMITTEE

Changes In Personnel

Completed

The War Taxation Committee has been re-constituted, but no date has yet been fixed for its first meeting. It was officially learned.

There are only a few changes in personnel, the most important being the filling by the Acting Financial Secretary, Mr. R. R. Todd, of the position of the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary, who has left on furlough, and the replacing by Mr. A. G. Clarke, Acting Commissioner of War Taxation, of Mr. Thomas Black, Commissioner.

The re-constituted Committee now comprises the following:—
The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Chairman).

Mr. R. R. Todd,
Mr. A. G. Clarke,
The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell,
The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo,
The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida e Castro, Junior,
The Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam.

The Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn,
The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson,
Mr. E. M. Bryden,
Mr. L. Kadroorie,
Mr. Ng Chak-wa,
Professor R. Robertson,
Mr. D. J. Sloss,
Mr. K. M. A. Barnett (Secretary).

ETONIANS MAKE
A DISCOVERY

Eton College (prep school), on whose playing fields the Battle of Waterloo was said (by the Duke of Wellington) to have been won, was bombed recently.

When Etonians explored the ruins, they made a thrilling discovery: the famed old "birching block," over which headmasters had birched (i.e., flogged) boys' bottoms for generations, was missing.

Although many an Etonian was disposed to let well enough alone, antiquarians searched diligently for the birching block's remains in a bomb crater. They reverently picked up the pieces, installed them in the Eton Museum.

for three days by Mr. Anderson on Saturday.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED
That dog's meat is served to customers in certain eating houses was revealed before Mr. H. C. Macnamara on Saturday when Chan Choh, 36, was fined \$200 or three months' hard labour for keeping in unlicensed eating house at No. 37, Woosung Street.

The eating house was visited by Inspector V. C. Bond, of the Sanitary Department, who found a large quantity of dog's meat on the premises.

CHOPPER WOUNDS
Found lying in the kitchen with chopper wounds round his neck by another foki, So Chuen, 40, male, residing at No. 61A, Tong Choy Village, Kowloon City, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. A chopper was also found next to him.

It was believed that he attempted to suicide. His condition was reported to be critical.

D. O. SOUTH
72 HOURS REMAND
A remand of 72 hours was granted by Mr. S. F. Balfour, on Saturday, when Pun Kwok-wah, alias Pun Wah, was charged with robbery by two or more.

Pun was alleged to have robbed, together with others not in custody, one Wong Wan-chung of \$400 in cash and various articles of jewellery at Ngan Peng, Lanfau Islands, on July 22, 1940.

Det.-Sgt. A. F. Estall prosecuted. Lau Ting was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Balfour on the alternative charge of receiving iron bars and sockets, knowing them to be stolen property, on Feb. 20, at the new Customs Pass, near Hang Hau.

Defendant, who appeared before his Worship on the charges of larceny of the iron bars and sockets and, alternatively, with receiving same, was discharged on the first count.

BAIL ESTREATED
Chan Sam, a 72-year-old widow, had her bail of \$30 estreated by Mr. Balfour on Saturday when she failed to appear to answer the charge of keeping No. 82, Tai San Street, Cheung Chau, as a sty brothei on Feb. 21.

H.K. Volunteer Orders

ORDERS BY COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

(CONTINUED FROM SATURDAY)

Recruits' Medical Examination.—There will be no medical examination on Feb. 28.

FANLING CAMP
First Camp.—The following units and other personnel as detailed will proceed to camp on Feb. 28 under instructions already issued.—Fd. Coy. Engrs. Corps Signals, Mobile Column, No. 2 Coy., No. 3 Coy., A.S.C. Coy. (those detailed), Field Ambulance (those detailed).

Corps Headquarters.—H.Q. Office will be open at the usual hours for correspondence only. D.R.L.S. will run as under.—Feb. 27-Mar. 6 First run. Leave camp 9.15 a.m. Arrive Vol. H.Q. 10.15 a.m. Leave Camp H.Q. 10.45 a.m. Arrive camp 11.45 a.m. Second run. Leave camp 2.15 p.m. Arrive Vol. H.Q. 3.15 p.m. Leave Camp H.Q. 3.45 p.m. Arrive camp 4.45 p.m. Mar. 7-Mar. 14. First run. Leave Vol. H.Q. 9 a.m. Leave Camp H.Q. 9.30 a.m. Arrive camp 10.30 a.m. Leave Camp 11.30 a.m. Arrive Vol. H.Q. 12.30 p.m. Second run. Leave Vol. H.Q. 2 p.m. Leave Camp H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Arrive camp 3.30 p.m. Leave camp 4.30 p.m. Arrive Vol. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

Telephones.—Telephone number in Fanling Camp 27.241-14.341. Commandant and Adjutant 59071 (Kowloon Government Exchange). Ask for 92 Q.M. and Stores R.S.M. Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess, Medical Officer, Supplies Office and Public Call Box. Clerks — 59071: Extension 94 and then ask the person required.

Stores and Lecture Hall.—H.Q. Stores and Clothing Stores will only be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, for stores. Monday, Tuesdays, Fridays for clothing from 2 p.m. in each case. Lecture Halls (except Drill Hall) will only be open at the above times unless special arrangements are made with the Q.M. Rifles for camp will only be drawn on Feb. 26, and Mar. 6. They must be returned by Mar. 8 and Mar. 15 respectively. Disciplinary action will be taken in any case of non-compliance with this order.

Corps Orders.—Weekly Orders will be issued at Fanling Camp on Fridays. O.S.C. Units not in camp will send their orders to H.Q. Garden Rd. not later than noon Wednesday.

Messes and Canteen.—Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and Canteen at H.Q. Garden Road will remain open at the normal hours.

Maps.—All maps issued to units or individuals must be returned at once.

PARADES
Corps Artillery.—Qualification.—D.R.P. /Bdr. I. S. A. Curreen (unqualified), Gnr. C. H. Poon (unqualified), Gnr. H. O. Ng (unqualified), Gnr. Laying, Bdr. W. O'Connor (unqualified), Gnr. Ho Sang (qualified), Gnr. S. Greaves (qualified), Gnr. P. Chua (qualified), Gnr. L. Xavier (qualified).

No. 4 Company.—Feb. 24, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Serpts. Promotion Examination. As detailed. Remainder.—Company training as programme. Feb. 26, H.Q. 8 a.m. Inter-Platoon drill and Miniature Range Competition. "Dress—Musketry order. Feb. 28. No parade.

No. 5 Company.—Feb. 24, H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before. Feb. 25, H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

No. 7 Company.—Feb. 23, L.Q. Classification. Stonecutters. Tables C and D. Launch leaves Queen's Pier 8.15 a.m. Kowloon Police Pier 6.25 a.m. Dress—Muff. Equipment must be worn. Feb. 24, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.Q. training L.A. 1, 2 and 3 positions. Feb. 28, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Squad and Platoon Drill.

Army Service Corps Company.—Feb. 23-Mar. 1. Transport and Supplies Sections on duty duties as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress as usual. Duty Officer.—Capt. R. R. Davies. Feb. 25. Transport and Supplies Sections. Camp talk. Dress—Muff. All ranks must attend. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Feb. 27, Nos. 2, 4 and 8 Transport and Supplies Sections (those detailed) proceed to camp at Fanling. Full details will be announced on Tues. No weekly parade on this date.

Field Ambulance.—Feb. 26, H.Q. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, belt, boots. Greatcoat or cardigan optional. Feb. 26, men attached to Q.M.S. Store under orders from C.Q.M.S. Leigh.

Bay Section.—Feb. 27. Command H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Those detailed by Company. Circular Dress—Uniform. Feb. 28. Command H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Those detailed by Company Circular Dress—Uniform.

Fortress Signal Company.—Feb. 23, Ctoncutters, L.Q. Table D. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 8.15 a.m. and Kowloon Pier, 8.25 a.m. Dress—Muff. Feb. 25, Exchange Building, 4.15 p.m. Sector Cable layout as detailed. Feb. 27, Exchange Building, 2.30 p.m. Manning training as detailed.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS
1/Bdr. J. H. B. Lee, 2nd Bty., to be Gnr. A. L. Cpl. W. B. Corps Signals, to be L/Cpl. A. L. Cpl. B. K. Yip. Corps Signals, to be L/Cpl. Signm. D. W. Yee. Corps Signals, to be L/Cpl. C.Q.M.S. S. E. Edgar. No. 3 Coy., to be Sgt. L. Cpl. E. G. Curtis. No. 2 Coy., to be Pte. Pte. R. Ma, No. 3 Coy., to be L/Cpl. Pte. T. Sing. No. 3 Coy., to be L/Cpl. Sgt. V. H. White. No. 3 Coy., to be O.S.M. O.S.M. Z. Porter, No. 3 Coy., to be Sgt. Cpl. J.

Johnsen, A.S.C. Coy., to be Sgt. Cpl. D. Gov. A.S.C. Coy., to be Sgt.

TRANSFERS

Pte. G. B. S. Thomson, No. 2 Coy. to A.S.C. Coy. Pte. V. A. V. Ribeiro, No. 4 Coy. to A.S.C. Coy. Pte. I. C. Baker, No. 1 Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty. Pte. E. B. Teasdale, No. 1 Coy. to Corp H.Q. Pte. M. Talan, No. 1 Coy. to Corps H.Q. Pte. G. A. McCaskie, No. 1 Coy. to Corps H.Q. Capt. G. Mishra, A.S.C. Coy. to Corps H.Q. Sgt. S. E. Edgar, No. 1 Coy. to Unit Res. Sgt. E. Porter, No. 3 Coy. to Unit Res.

LEAVE

Pte. J. Volgin, Mob. Cohn, 12.41-31.12; L/Cpl. J. B. Sturgeon, No. 2 Coy. 42.41-30.4.41; Pte. V. A. V. Ribeiro, No. 6 Coy., 5.241-18.2.41; Pte. A. L. Rocha, No. 6 Coy., 10.241-23.2.41; Pte. A. V. Currie, 2nd Bty., 11.241-24.2.41; Pte. J. M. Oliveira, No. 6 Coy., 11.241-24.2.41; Gnr. H. G. Stewart, 2nd Bty., 12.241-25.2.41; Pte. H. A. Ribeiro, No. 6 Coy., 14.241-18.2.41; A. F. Ferreira, No. 6 Coy., 14.241-6.3.41; Gnr. J. H. B. Lee, 2nd Bty., 14.241-13.4.41; Gnr. L. Well, 2nd Bty., 14.241-25.2.41; Pte. H. A. Ribeiro, Mob. Cohn, 14.241-13.4.41; Pte. A. Komor, Mob. Cohn, 14.241-13.4.41; Sgt. L. E. Lammar, No. 1 Coy., 14.241-13.4.41; Sgt. A. J. G. Taylor, No. 4 Coy., 14.241-13.4.41; Cpl. F. C. Chan, No. 4 Coy., 14.241-13.4.41; Pte. K. Y. Cheung, No. 4 Coy., 14.241-13.4.41; Pte. Y. T. Pang, No. 4 Coy., 14.241-13.4.41; Pte. H. Leung, No. 4 Coy., 14.241-13.4.41; Pte. J. N. Ford, A.S.C. Coy., 14.241-13.4.41; Pte. E. M. Gutierrez, No. 8 Coy., 15.241-24.2.41; Sgt. S. E. Edgar, No. 1 Coy., Res., 15.241-14.2.42; Sgt. F. Hopkins, Mob. Cohn, 15.241-14.2.41; L/Bdr. James Lee, 4th Bty., 17.241-23.4.41; Pte. Marcus Wong, No. 4 Coy., 27.241-16.5.41; L/Cpl. H. Burson, No. 1 Coy., 14.241-17.2.41; Pte. H. T. Smith, Training Cadre, 20.241-11.8.41; Pte. S. B. Dink, No. 3 Coy., 20.241-20.3.41; B.Q.M.S. W. Hewitt, 1st Bty., 22.241-13.6.41; Pte. R. Kopekman, No. 1 Coy., 13.41-4.3.41; Pte. W. M. Groves, No. 1 Coy., 13.41-30.8.41; Lt. C. Austin, No. 4 Coy., 20.341-9.7.41; Lt. L. Goldman, 5th A.A. Bty., 23.441-5.5.41; Sgt. W. J. Woolley, Pay Sect., 20.341-27.2.41; Pte. F. H. Smirke, A.S.C. Coy., 20.341-6.3.41.

STRENGTH-DECREASE
Sgt. C. Brown, R.O.D. Cadre, Pte. A. A. da Rosa, Port. Coys., Gnr. Lee Wing-yen, 5th A.A. Bty., Cpl. P. F. MacCabe, No. 1 Coy., Signm. A. Hill, Corps Signals, Pte. T. Knox, A.S.C. Coy., Pte. J. G. Gomez, No. 5 Coy., Pte. E. T. S. Zimmerman, A.S

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 22, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 420	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
On demand 82 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24	
Credits 60 days' sight 24 3/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 46	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 104	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz 23 3/8	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

February 22.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 3/8 for Ready and 23 5/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Dull. Nothing doing.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Feb.-April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 24 3/8 for Cash, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

432 1/2 sellers for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 15/32 and U.S. Dollars at 5 21/32, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 22 (Reuter)

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-3/8	5-1/2
New York	23-3/8	23-3/8
Japan	13-3/4	13-3/4
India	13-3/4	13-3/4
Paris	22-3/8	22-3/8

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-15/32	0/3-15/32
Feb.	0/3-15/32	0/3-15/32
Mar.	0/3-29/64	0/3-29/64

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-21/32	\$5-21/32
Feb.	\$5-21/32	\$5-21/32
Mar.	\$5-5/8	\$5-5/8

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24.

The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

American Market Holiday

All American markets will remain closed on Saturday, Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday).

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 22 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Feb. 22 (Reuter). Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-12-0.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 21 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £283.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £276-7/8.

Market strong on continued American buying of cargos ahead, but speculative week-end profit-taking caused the prices to close below. After hours, business was done at £282 and 276 respectively. Turnover—55 tons.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 20, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.39	10.32	10.29	10.37	.08 up
New York Rubber, March	21.05	20.75	21.15	20.78	.37 off
Chicago Wheat, May	81 1/2	79 3/4	79 1/2	81 1/2	1 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	61 1/2	60 3/4	61 1/2	61 1/2	1/4 off
New York Hides, March	12.78	12.61	12.65	12.61	.04 off
NEW YORK COTTON					
March	10.29/28	10.32/32	10.37/37		.08 up
May	10.28/28	10.29/29	10.34/34		.06 up
July	10.15/15	10.15/15	10.21/22		.08 up
October	9.68/68	9.68/68	9.72 N		.04 up
December	9.68/68	9.65b/67a	9.70/70		.04 up
January	9.64 N	9.63b/65a	9.68 N		.04 up
Spot	10.80		10.93		.13 up

Total sales Wednesday—45,200 bales.

The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
NEW YORK RUBBER					
March	21.15/15	21.00b/15a	20.78b/81a		.37 off
May	21.03/04	20.95b/99a	20.73/73		.30 off
July (New contract)	20.40/40	unquoted	20.10/10		.30 off
September	20.27/27	20.20/25	19.93b/95a		.34 off

Total sales—870 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	79 3/4/79 1/2	79 1/2/80	81 1/2/81 1/2		1 1/2 up
July	75 1/2/75 1/2	75 1/2/75 1/2	75 1/2/75 1/2		1/2 up
September	75 1/2/75 1/2		76 1/2/76 1/2		1/2 up

Wednesday's sales—9,853,000 bushels.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
CHICAGO CORN					
May	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2		1/2 off
July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2		1/2 off
September	60 1/2/60 1/2		59 1/2/59 1/2		1/2 off

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
NEW YORK HIDES					
March	12.85/65	12.70/71	12.61/65		.04 off
June	12.72/74	12.80/82	12.78/81		.08 up

Total sales for the day—231 contracts.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
NEW YORK COCOA					
March	5.66/66	5.70/70	5.78 N		.12 up
May	5.73 N	5.78/78	5.84/85		.11 up

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3					
March	2.08b/09a		2.09b/11a		.01 up
May	2.13b/14a		2.15b/16a		.02 up

Volume of business done—576 lots.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4					
March	.68b/.69a	.68b/.70a	.69b/.70a		.01 up
May	.72b/.72a	.71b/.73a	.72b/.73a		unch.

Volume of business done—232 lots.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES					
March	11.55b/60a	11.52b/55a	11.65b/74a		.10 up
July	11.44b/50a	11.40b/50a	11.55b/60a		.11 up

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4

N.Y. London Cross Rate 4.02-3/4

NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on Saturday, Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Feb. 21.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	Price
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103-9/16
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Jantion-K'loon Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42 to 47
China 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1915 (Ldn. Is.)	34
Chinese 3 1/2% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
China Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5%	16
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	14
Shai-N'King Rly. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	21-24
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	51
Chartered Bank	7 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	76
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	18 1/2
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	11-1/8
Pekin Syndicate	1 1/8
S'hai Elec. Contr., Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13-1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber Lom., Mid. & Scot. Rly.	15 1/2
Great Western Rly.	35 1/2
National Bank of India B.A. Tob. (bearer)	30 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	32 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	10 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	50
United Steel	20 1/2

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

February 22.

The feature of the market today was a sharp rise in Electrics, as a result of the announcement made yesterday of a new issue of shares and a declaration of dividend.

BUYERS

	Price
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 1934, 94.25	
Union Ins., \$411.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$170.	
Providents, \$5.75.	
Lands 4% Debentures, \$97.50	
Trams, \$17.50.	
Lights (Old), \$6.10.	
Electrics (New), \$41.50.	

SELLERS

	Price
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 1934, 95.	
Hotels, \$3.60.	
Trams, \$17.75.	
SALES	
Trams, \$17.60/17.50.	
Electrics (Old), \$42.25/42.	
Electrics (New), \$42.15/42.	

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Volume of Business Transacted on Saturday, Feb. 22, 1941.

	Price
China Lights (O.)	500 \$ 6.20
China Providents	350 5.75
H.K. Electrics (O.)	100 42.25
H.K. Lands	50 42.25
H.K. Electrics (N.)	350 41.40
H.K. Lands	125 42.25
H.K. Lands	100 42.25
H.K. Lands	200 33.60
H.K. Lands	150 33.60
H.K. Tele. (O.)	200 24.25

The total value is \$52,056.25.

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 22 (Reuter).

Market—Quiet but steady. Off-take 125 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

	Price
Ready	62-15
Mar. 24 St. ment	62-12
April 22 St. ment	62-12

	Price
Woolworths	52
Marsman Investments	6/3
Western Holdings	9/9
Sub-Nigel	147/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	
(bearer)	40/7 1/2
—bid	—

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 21, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale Feb. 20.	STOCKS	Last Sale Feb. 20.
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	32 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Loft Incorporated	16 1/2
Allis Chalmers	29	Mack Truck Inc.	26 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	71 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	24 1/2
Amer. Can.	84 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	32 1/2	Montgomery Ward	35 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	13 1/2	Mountain City Copper Co.	23 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	15 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	13	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	16 1/2	National Distillers	31 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	16
Amer. Rolling Mill	12 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sling and Ring Co.	39 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	14 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	157 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	23 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	N. American Aviation	13 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2	North American Co.	15 1/2
Anaconda Copper	23 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	40 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	14 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pan-American Airways	12 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Barnadall Oil	8	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	36 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	77	Public Service of N.J.	26 1/2
Bills & Co.	15 1/2	Pullman Inc.	23 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	14 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	12 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Case, J.I.	47 1/2	Republic Steel	18 1/2
Celanese	23 1/2	Revere Corp.	8 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	40	Reynold Tobac. "B"	32
Chrysler Corp.	66	Safeway Stores	38
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	29 1/2	Sears Roebuck	7 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11
Consolidated Edison	20 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	84 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Southern Pacific	3 1/2
Continental Can	37	Southern Rly. \$5 pfd.	21 1/2
Continental Oil	17 1/2	Speer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Copperwell Steel	14 1/2	Standard Brands	6
Curtis Wright (C.)	7 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	7 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	26	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Deere & Co.	19	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	16 1/2	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	65 1/2	Studebaker Com.	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	143 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2	Technicolor	9
Eaton Mfg. Co.	30 1/2	Texas Corp.	35 1/2
Elec. Autolite	28 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	34 1/2	Timken-Axle	28 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	52 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	60 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	28 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Flintkote	13	Union Carbide & Carbon	63 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2	Union Pacific	77 1/2
Gen. Electric	31 1/2	United Aircraft	37
Gen. Motors	41 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	13 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13	United Corp.	11
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	25 1/2
Gildden Co.	13	United Gas Corp.	1 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13	United Gas Improvement	4 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	59 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	21 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	U.S. Rubber	19 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$3 pfd.	83
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	24 1/2	U.S. Smelting	59 1/2
Great Western Sugar	21 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Grayhound Corp.	11 1/2	Vanadium	27
Hercules Powder Co.	68	Vultee Aircraft	64 1/2
Homestake Mining	47	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	27
Inter. Paper & Power	12	Westinghouse Elec.	93 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24	Woodward Iron Corp.	28 1/2
Johsman	57 1/2	Chase National Bank	29 1/2
Kennecott Copper	32 1/2	National City Bank	25 1/2
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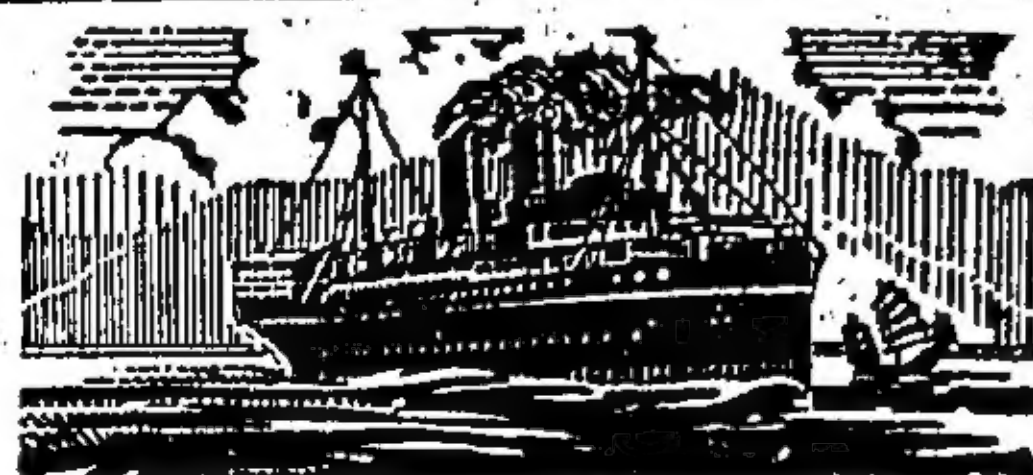
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AUSTRALIA'S WAR EFFORTS: EIGHT ARMY DIVISIONS, NAVAL & AIR STRENGTH

The Dominion of Australia has already formed eight Army divisions—three more than in World War I. From a land of only 7,000,000 people some 100,000 Australians are now in the Middle East or in England. New troops are enlisted at the rate of 5,000 a month. A home-defence force of 250,000 is being conscripted.

In the last year 80,000 new troops have been trained. Recently plans were announced for a costly programme of mechanizing the whole Australian Army, both home-defence and expeditionary, with tanks and armoured carriers to be built in the Dominion. (Each Australian division now has 2,000 motor vehicles, but few are armoured).

MOBILE SCHOOL

A new mobile school of mechanization already moves from camp to camp—three trucks loaded with diagrams, models, textbooks, sound films. The Army says that although cabled technical advice from England is limited, many improvements have already been made on English mechanization. Among them: A Bren-type gun carrier whose crew is protected against dive bombers' bullets, infantry carriers that can move "right up to the battle," a "garage trailer" carrying 90% of a modern service station's equipment.

SAVED MONEY

After World War I the Dominion saved money by reducing armaments, relying on British sea power. It ignored Admiral Sir Reginald Henderson's plea for an independent Australian fleet of 52 first-line ships by 1933. Today the chagrined Government finds itself with only two 10,000-ton cruisers, five lighter cruisers, eleven destroyers. New ship ways have been laid down, but not for several years. Australia's naval strength likely to give, say, a Japanese admiral cause for more than a slant-wise smile.

AIR STRENGTH

With thousands of miles of coast to defend, Australia banks on her fast-multiplying Air Force more than on her Army and Navy combined. In the three years ending July 1942, she will have spent £50,000,000 for air training, £30,000,000 for expansion. In 1932 the R. A. F. had only 32 first-line planes. Last June it had 212, is today getting many more.

*Australian pounds, currently worth \$3.22.

Local plants make planes, Vickers guns, tires, tubes, parachutes, safety harness, spark plugs, radio and photographic equipment. More than 135,000 Australians have volunteered for an air-training programme calling for 16,000 in air crews, 26,000 in ground crews. Some 800-700 start training monthly. Of 24,600 ground applicants accepted, 19,000 are already in training. Twenty schools for air crews are running, a total of 40 is anticipated.

INDUSTRIAL EFFORT

The "industrial revolution" spurred by Australia's war effort is reflected in her growing wartime and secondary industries, such as woollen textiles, manufacturing and food packing. Since the war, steel-ingot capacity has been stepped from 1,200,000 to 1,600,000 tons a year, reaching not only self-sufficiency but an export surplus.

All kinds of steel, including non-magnetic (for battleship plate), are now homemade or shortly will be. By the end of 1940 the production rate of small-arms ammunition was eight times that of 1939. New 25-pounder field in mass production. Between April 1939 and last May machine gun output multiplied six times and rifle output 15 times. Local industrialists say that Australia has accomplished a nor-

WHAT WAR-RISK UNDERWRITERS NOW THINK OF ITALY

World's most impartial military observers are the men who set shipping insurance rates in wartime. They have to be cold, wishless thinkers because a mistake may mean financial ruin.

When Italy blundered into the war last June, U.S. war-risk underwriters suspended publication of rates on Mediterranean shipping altogether. Now Italy looks less formidable and figures on imports to the U.S. from the Eastern Mediterranean and Red Sea (around the Cape of Good Hope) were posted once more: 10%.

Nine days later the underwriters thought still less of Italy, reduced Red Sea rates to 7%. Last week they gave Mussolini the unkindest cut of all: they trimmed the Red Sea figure to 5%. In areas where Nazi submarines operate, rates remained 10% and up.

buy essentials from the U.S.

Australia's enormous wheat belt has recently suffered sharply from poor prices in overseas markets, high living and farming costs. There is an acute shortage of shipping for overseas trade, most Dominion ships have been taken over by Britain, now deprived of the neutral shipping available to the Allies in World War I. A further worry is the possibility of inflation.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Feb. 23.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.00 ins.

Temperature, 81 F.

Humidity, 91 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N

Wind Force (Beaufort), 6.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 83 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 59 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 0.32 ins.

Against an average of 2.65 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.24 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.49 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 23.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.88 ins.

Temperature, 81 F.

Humidity, 90 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 24 Feb. to 2 Mar. 1941.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	24	09 28	4.6	02 42	1.1
		20 37	7.0	13 47	3.3
Tues.	25	09 57	4.9	03 14	1.1
		21 20	7.0	14 32	3.9
Wed.	26	10 29	5.1	03 43	1.1
		21 55	6.9	15 14	2.6
Thurs.	27	10 53	5.3	04 13	1.2
		22 35	6.6	15 54	2.5
Fri.	28	11 17	5.4	04 42	1.4
		23 07	6.2	16 35	2.8
Sat.	1	11 41	5.4	05 19	1.8
		23 34	5.8	17 15	2.4
Sun.	2	11 58	5.5	05 39	2.0
		23 57	6.4	17 57	2.9

Maximum temperature, 83 F.

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Rainfall, nil.

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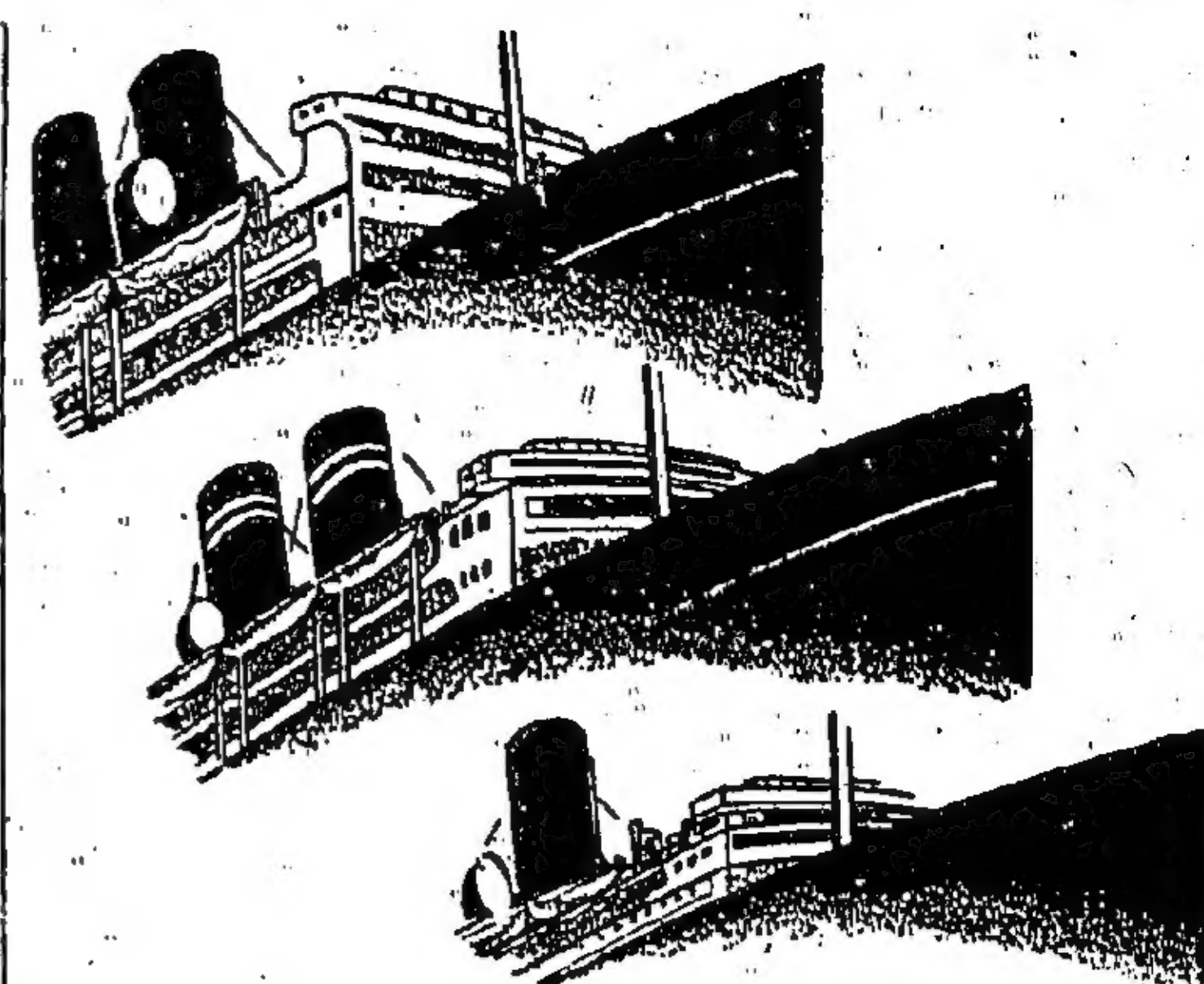
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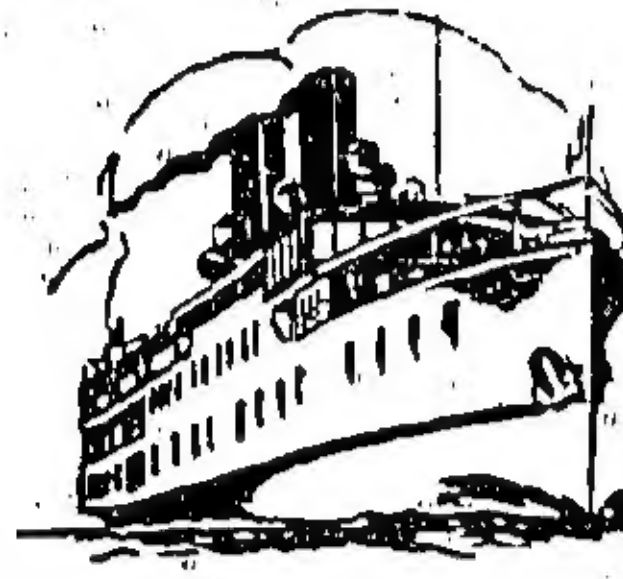
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**Japan's Entry Into War
As Last Resort**

Continued from Page 1

"Are these two assumptions valid?" asked Sir Frederick, who went on to say that Japan's military operations over nine and a half years in China, with scarcely any interruption, had put a considerable strain on her resources, and, whatever Japan contemplated doing now, she could not undertake a new task with the same command of resources for a great effort.

Sir Frederick declared that it would be unwise to underestimate the state of Japan's power in the past few years. Her army has suffered many casualties, but was still fairly intact. Her air force, however, had not measured itself in combat with any other air force of equal power.

JAPAN'S PROBLEM
"Coming to this problem of Japan's power, it does not lie in the strength of the armed forces themselves but it lies in the power of Japan to supply them with the necessary equipments of war."

Sir Frederick declared that Japan's industry must get a substantial supply of the necessary war material from overseas. Her oil supplies, for instance, came wholly from sources abroad.

"While we do not over-estimate the extent to which Japan's resources have been strained," said Sir Frederick, "may not the Japanese themselves have under-estimated the risk they run by being cut off from their vital supplies? This is a risk which points a way by which the Western Powers could resist them, and such resistance by the Western powers might well be effective in checking Japan without firing a single shot."

Sir Frederick referred to the embargo on certain goods which the United States had already imposed on Japan, and said that the political effect of this must be realised in Tokyo. After commenting on the fact that Mr. Roosevelt had dispelled the German delusion that Japanese action would slow down American aid to Britain, Sir Frederick said that there must be elements in Japan who would be asking whether Japan can do all that she thinks she can. There were differences of opinion which existed in high places in Tokyo—in fact there were two schools of thought.

TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT
The first one felt that Japan's Empire must be concerned with Korea, Manchuria, and, perhaps, Mongolia, with its component parts. They maintain that Russia needed watching more than any power, and that, if Japan wanted to be secure, she must hold the mainland of North-East Asia. They maintain that Japan cannot do this successfully if she challenged Britain and the United States.

The other school of thought—the maritime school—declared that Japan's whole security rest on sea-power, that an empire on the mainland is a burden too great on her shoulders and that fear of Russia is exaggerated because she fears her neighbours in Europe who will thus keep her busy.

"The European war has played into the hands of the maritime and they are the top dogs in Tokyo," said Sir Frederick. "The maritime school believes that Britain's hands are too full in Europe to do anything in the Far East and that the United States are too far away to do anything to check her. Therefore, Japan must go where she pleases and do what she pleases."

RELATIONS TO THE WAR
"Taking a short view, this seems true in certain conditions, but in the long view it is not true. Japan's freedom of action will depend on the balance of the world's forces as the war goes on."

Sir Frederick declared that since Britain had shown that she would resist any action by Japan there had been a distinct easing of tension, and a somewhat more realistic expression in Tokyo itself.

No one, however, supposed that the crisis was passed, but there were signs that Japan was realising that there were two questions with regard to her relations to the war—the risk of a forward policy in the Far East and the fact that the Axis had one lame foot.

**NARROW
WIN FOR
EASTERN**

**KWONG WAH LOSE
BY ODD GOAL**

After leading by a goal at the interval, EASTERN eliminated KWONG WAH in the Senior Shield Competition by the odd goal in three yesterday at Boundary Street.

In an effort to avenge the last defeat, Kwong Wah played a more determined and polished game than their opponents, and if it had not been for the penalty awarded against them, might have turned the tables.

The main weakness of the team again lay in the intermediate line. Lee Kwok-kee, playing in goal, was a tower of strength saving many would-be goals.

For the winners, Hau Ching-to combined well with V.K. Hui and was a constant source of danger. Playing at the wing-half and right-back, Ng Kee-cheung and Kong Sin-king put up a strong defence.

FIRST BLOOD
Eastern first drew blood through CHEUNG KAM-HOI from a penalty awarded against Wong Wah-kee. Undaunted, Kwong Wah continued to play good football until the interval.

The second half was full of excitement when both teams initiated many fast attacks and Lee Kwok-kee distinguished himself by saving many difficult shots. The game seemed to be at a deadlock until HAU CHING-TO, who received a well-placed pass from the back, dribbled and after beating two men, netted.

Kwong Wah then netted through LEE YAN-LEUNG.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sin-king, S. Y. Yen; Ng Kee-cheung, Hsu King-sing, Lo Wai-kuen; C. T. Tsao, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, Kui Wing-fook and Hau Ching-to.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wah; Yeung Pung-hon, Wong Wah-kee, Chung Kin-fai; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Lee Yan-leung, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

**E. C. FINCHER
SCORES 74**

Club de Recreio beat the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps by five runs in a friendly cricket match played yesterday at King's Park.

CLUB DE RECREIO: 181 (J. M. Gosano 32, M. D'Almeida Remedios 31, L. G. Gosano 27, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr. 26, A. E. Perry 3 for 39, L. T. Ride 2 for 15).

H.K.V.D.C.: 176 (E. C. Fincher 74, A. Zimmerman 31, E. M. L. Soares 2 for 17).

CLUB BEAT NAVY

In a friendly sailing match yesterday Club defeated Navy by one point.

Details follow:—

CLUB	Pos.	Pts.
Artemis, A4	1	6
(P. Chedell, H. W. Browne).		
Redshank, A10	3	4
(P. C. M. Sedgwick, D. Allen).		
Painted Lady, A14	5	1
(C. C. Blake, L. B. Baker).		
Total	11

NAVY

Maureen, A19	2	5
(F. C. Mammon, J. L. Anderson)		
La Linda, A16	4	3
(T. C. Fairburn, W. H. L. Harrison).		
Jean, A15	5	2
(C. Tranchard Dives, J. A. Page).		
Total	10

HOCKEY PRACTICE

The following will represent the Interport hockey team in a practice match tomorrow against the British Army at the Club ground, bully-off at 5 p.m.:—

V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond, J. Goncalves; R. A. Marques, W. A. Reed and N. B. M. Whitley; T. B. D. Whitley, Gurbachan Singh, B. T. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio and W. Brown.

TOURNAMENT MATCH

In a Hockey Association Tournament match played at Lyceum yesterday, 5th A.A. "A" beat Khalsa by three goals to two.

crossword puzzle held over.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

The Money Order Office Public Counter will be open from 10.00 a.m. to noon on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th, February 1941.

The General Post Office will be closed at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, February 1941.

Mail Service to Madagascar and Reunion is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

- Yunnan
- Szechuen
- Kweichow
- Hunan
- Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
- Kwangsi (except Wuchow and Yungshien)
- North and East of Kwantung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Canton	24th Feb.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 7th February)	25th Feb.
Canton	28th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	28th Feb.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd February	1st Mar.
Calcutta and Straits	1st Mar.
United-Kingdom and Straits	2nd Mar.
Java and Manila	3rd Mar.
Australia and Manila	3rd Mar.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 8th Feb.)	5th Mar.
U. S. A. and Honolulu—(San Francisco date 21st February)	11th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
MONDAY	Mon. 24th
Batavia and Sourabaya	10.30 AM
TUESDAY	Tue. 25th
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco, Sandakan.	Reg. 24th 5.00 PM Ord. 25th 8.30 AM 8.30 AM K.P.O. Reg. 11.00 AM Ord. 11.30 AM G.P.O. Reg. 11.00 AM Ord. 11.30 AM 12.20 PM 7.00 PM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 11.00 AM Ord. 11.30 AM 12.20 PM 7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 26th
Straits and Rangoon	8.30 AM 10.30 AM
Haiphong	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.	Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 28th
Sandakan.	Noon K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. Mar. 1st
Straits and Rangoon	Reg. 24th 5.00 PM Par. 28th 5.00 PM Reg. 28th 5.00 PM Ord. 1st 8.30 AM K.P.O. Reg. 1.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM G.P.O. Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 2.00 PM Ord. 2.30 PM 3.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India and East Africa, Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban.	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A., & Europe via "Pan American Airways and Transatlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 2nd
Manila Macassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
TUESDAY	Tue. 4th
Straits and Calcutta	Reg. 10.30 AM Ord. 11.00 AM G.P.O. Reg. 10.30 AM Ord. 11.00 AM Parcels 11.00 AM Letters Noon K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 10.30 AM Ord. 11.00 AM Parcels 11.00 AM Letters Noon K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United - Kingdom via - San Francisco. (No Parcels for United-Kingdom).	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
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**HOME RUGGER
RESULTS**

LONDON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The following are the results of rugby matches played at Home yesterday:—
London District 9, Aldershot Command 9; Rosslyn Park 3, Guy's Hospital 3; St. Mary Hospital 9, Wasps 3; Bath 3, Stroud 0; Cheltenham 8, Oxford U. 20; Ebbw Vale 10, Cardiff 3; Gloucester 3, Rotal Works 5; Nottingham XV. 3, Northern Universities 28; Northampton 6, Rugby 8; Bristol 14, West of England 9.
In the Rugby League, Hull beat Castleford by 11 points to nil.

**COMBINED SERVICES
HELD TO A DRAW**

Combined Services were held to a 3-3 draw by a Club and Police XV at Happy Valley on Saturday. Club and Police secured their equalising try in the last 10 minutes of the game. Richards for Combined Services and Godfrey for Combined Club and Police scored the tries.
In the "A" match, Combined Services "A" beat Club and Police "A" 15-6.

**GOLF TITLE FOR
LLOYD**

In the finals of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, played at Fanling yesterday over 36 holes, S. L. Lloyd beat A. J. Dennis 3 and 1.

**DUCE TALKS TO
FASCISTS**

Signor Mussolini spoke to the leaders of the Fascist Party in Rome yesterday, states a London message.
If Duce assured the Fascists that German arms were greatly superior to the British and that the American nation was labouring under an illusion.
He also spoke on Italian forces in East Africa who were fighting without reinforcements.—(Special)

**Policemen
On Strike
In Tientsin**

TIENTSIN, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The French Concession Chinese constables struck at noon and all posts were deserted.
After passing an inspection parade at noon, the relief marched off but have not assumed duties and previous details left the posts, giving the impression the entire force has struck.
No previous notice was given and French circles are puzzled over the action since the constable's remuneration is totally adequate.
Enquiries are proceeding.

**GREAT ECONOMY
IN REICH**

BERLIN, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—Great economy in non-military and public expenditure must be exercised in Germany this year, according to the official German News Agency.
Increased expenditure was allowed in the 1940 budget and permission for new outlays under this year's budget will only be authorised if the Finance Minister is satisfied such are essential for urgent defence requirements necessary as the result of incorporation of new territory into the Reich since Mar. 13, 1938.
Such grants must also be approved by the Commissioner of the 4-year plan and by the German High Command.

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL
IN NEW ZEALAND**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (Reuter)—The establishment of an Economic Council to survey, advise and guide New Zealand's productive and industrial activities during wartime, will be the subject of discussions shortly between Government and employers and workers, the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, announced.
Mr. Fraser added that the public would be required to make sacrifices, and that the discussion would help to solve problems.